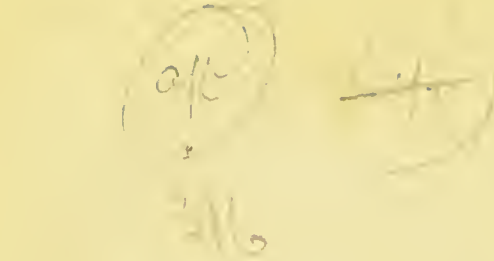

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A DESCRIPTION

OF

THE FLOWERING PLANTS AND FERNS

INDIGENOUS TO, OR NATURALIZED IN,

The British Isles.

FOR THE USE OF BEGINNERS AND AMATEURS.

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PREFACE.

In adding to the number of British Floras already before the public, it is not attempted to enter into competition with either of the standard scientific works whose merits have been tested through several successive editions. The Author's object has been rather to supply a deficiency which he believes has been much felt. He has been frequently applied to to recommend a work which should enable persons having no previous knowledge of Botany to name the wild flowers they might gather in their country rambles. He has always been much embarrassed how to answer this inquiry. The book he had himself used under similar circumstances in a foreign country, the 'Flore Française' of De Candolle, is inapplicable to Britain, and has long been out of print even in the country for which it was written. Our own standard Floras, whatever their botanical merit, require too much previous scientific knowledge for a beginner or mere amateur to understand without assistance the characters by which the plants are distinguished from each other. In the endeavour to compile a more practical guide to the botanical riches of our Islands, the Author has recalled to his mind the process by which he was enabled, near forty years since, without any previous acquaintance with the subject, to determine the wild plants he gathered in the neighbourhood of Angoulême and of Montauban, the difficulties he had to surmount, and the numerous mistakes he was led into. Keeping these points in view, and taking, in some measure, De Candolle's 'Flore' as his model, he has here attempted a descriptive enumeration of all the plants wild in the British Isles, distinguished by such characters as may be readily perceived by the unlearned eye, and expressed, as far as lay in his power, in ordinary language, using such technical terms only as appeared

indispensable or accuraey, and whose adopted meaning could be explained in the Work itself.

In commeneing this proeess, the Author originally considered that a mere compilation might be suffieient. The British plants are so well known, they have been so repeatedly deseribed with so mueh detail, they are mostly so familiar to the Author himself, that it appeared to him only neeessary to select from published deseriptions the eharacters that suited his purpose. But he soon found that no satisfactory progress could be made without a eareful eomparison and verification of the eharacters upon the plants themselves; and, during five years that the present Work has been in hand, the whole of the descriptions have been drawn up in the first instance from British speeimens (exeept in the few cases of doubtful natives). They have been then compared with the charaeters given in Hooker and Arnott's 'British Flora' and Babington's 'Manual,' or with detailed deseriptions in some of our best loeal Floras. They have, in almost all cases, been verified upon Continental specimens from various parts of the geographieal range of eaeh speeies; and a considerable number have been eheeked by the examination of living speeimens. The works of the best French, German, Swedish, Italian, or other botanists have also been consulted wherever the occasion required it. The dried speeimens made use of have been ehiefly those of the rich eolleetions at Kew, including the unrivalled herbarium of Sir William Hooker; but the Author has also availed himself of numerous and repeated observations made during forty years' herborizations in various parts of Europe.

Supposing, however, that deseriptions are so sueeessfully drawn up that the young botanist may readily identify them with the eorresponding plants, they alone are insufficient; he cannot be expected to read them all through till he comes to the one which he is in search of. Some method of arrangement must be adopted. They must be so elassed as to enable him to refer, by as simple a process as possible, to the identical description belonging to his plant. If he knows the name, and wishes to ascertain what kind of plant it designates, an Alphabetical Index is at onee suggested. For the eonverse problem, where the plant is given and its name is sought for, some eorresponding device must be resorted to, and the more simple it is the better it will answer its purpose.

The plans proposed and more or less adopted in botanical works for a elassification with this view, commonly called an *Artificial*

System, have been very various. It has generally been endeavoured to combine this special purpose with the main object of a classification of plants, the facilitating the study of their nature, properties, and practical application; tending thus to confound the finding out the name of a plant with the study of botany. But, after the example of Lamarck and De Candolle, it appears to be necessary to keep these two operations distinct from first to last, otherwise the effect will continually be either to interfere with the certainty of the one, or to lay unnecessary restraints on the development of the other. Throughout the present Flora, therefore, the descriptions, whether of Orders, Genera, or Species, are always preceded by such an artificial arrangement, key or index, as has appeared to be the best adapted to the sole purpose of referring the student to the individual description of the plant he is examining.

The particular method adopted is that originally proposed by Lamarck, and applied in the above-mentioned work to the whole of the French Flora. It has since then been less generally made use of in local Floras than might have been expected; but this is owing less to any want of appreciating its practical usefulness than to the great labour and difficulty attending upon framing it satisfactorily. As evidence, however, of the recognition of its utility, it will be observed that the most eminent botanists have generally recourse to it for the elucidation of genera or species whose distinctive characters offer any peculiar difficulties.

The general principle of this system consists in the searching for some striking character which will at once separate all the plants belonging to the Flora into two groups, then, taking each group in succession, dividing it again into two smaller ones in the same way, and so on till the species become isolated. In this process certainty and rapidity are the two great objects; and the most important rules to follow are, first, the selection, at each operation, of characters so absolute as to afford the least room for hesitation as to which of the two divisions the plant in question belongs to; and, secondly, the formation of subdivisions as nearly equal in point of number of species as possible. But of the two objects, certainty has been always considered as the most important, and brevity must often be sacrificed to it. Take, for example, a genus of a dozen species, differing in a most striking way from each other in the leaves, which in some are very much divided, in others quite entire, and

suppose that about half the species belong to each of the groups so separated, but one species is found in which the leaves are slightly divided, or some entire and some divided. Here, in order safely to guide the student, you must either first separate this ambiguous species by some character which the others have not, or repeat it under each of the subdivisions formed, thus lengthening by one step the process by which the several species are isolated.

Freed from the trammels of the artificial index, the plants can be arranged in the body of the work as they should be in the herbarium, according to the method the best calculated to facilitate their study. The only question remaining is, which of all the proposed methods should be adopted. But a few years since it was in this country still a matter of controversy, or even bitter dispute, whether the so-called Linnæan or Jussiæan systems should be preferred; but happily the point is now so far settled that the Linnæan Classes and Orders are only retained when they correspond with Jussiæan families, or generally as an artificial key to genera. For the classification of plants for study, the *Natural Method* (as it is appropriately, although perhaps somewhat arrogantly, termed) is now almost universally adopted. Indicated by Linnæus, attempted by Adanson, first carried out by Jussieu, subsequently improved by Brown, De Candolle, and other great botanists of our own days, and nibbled at by almost every petty botanical aspirant, it cannot well bear the name of any one of its promoters, even of Jussieu himself, without arresting it at that stage of progress which it had attained in his day. Its greatest inconvenience, and at the same time one of its greatest charms to the speculative mind, is a want of absolutism in its details, which shall in every instance carry conviction into every mind. Natural affinities depend on a great variety of points, the relative importance of which will be differently appreciated by men of different capacities or of a different turn of mind; and the very principle of the system is, that it is not to be transmitted by the dicta of any one master, whatever his recognized genius, but that every one should be admitted to contribute to its improvement by new discoveries, or by a more accurate estimate of affinities. This opens the door to arbitrary, fantastical, and paradoxical innovations which have extensively prevailed over the whole botanical world, and have been carried to an extraordinary pitch by would-be philosophers of the German school. Scarcely two general systematic works agree entirely in the arrangement and limits of the families

and genera. There must, indeed, necessarily be much that is purely arbitrary in the linear series, which is not natural, but which we cannot avoid, and much that is arbitrary also in the rank assigned to subdivisions. It is more practical convenience than the observation of fact that must decide whether a family be divided into a certain number of suborders or tribes, each containing so many genera divided again into subgenera or sections, or whether the suborders should rank as families, the genera as suborders or tribes, the subgenera or sections as independent genera. But this very motive of practical convenience, should induce writers of local Floras and partial Enumerations to take as their general guide some one standard work (say the 'Prodromus' of De Candolle, as that whose merit is the most generally recognized), only introducing such partial innovations and improvements as may meet with universal approbation. Our own most recent standard Floras have fortunately taken that course, and the Author of the present Work has only had to follow their example. The few deviations he has made in this respect from the 'British Flora' of Hooker and Arnott have been chiefly the retaining as subdivisions some of the groups recently raised to independent families or genera, or the transposition of small families or isolated genera whose affinities have become better understood.

The special purpose of the present Flora has induced the omission, in numerous instances, of microscopical, anatomical, or theoretical characters, often of the greatest importance in scientific botany, but useless to the mere amateur. His object is either to identify the plants he gathers in his walks with those he hears or reads of, or to collect and classify the vegetable productions of his neighbourhood, so as to comprehend, in some measure, the wonderful variety in the mechanism they display for the development of one general plan, or to illustrate in one small item the inexhaustible vastness of Creation. Should he wish to plunge deeper into the science, and become a professed botanist, he must enter upon the study of exotic plants, and avail himself of the excellent elementary treatises and other works supplied by the scientific botanists of this and other countries.

Similar considerations have induced the omission of detailed characters of such large exotic Orders as are represented in Britain only by single, often anomalous, genera or species. The Violet, the Maple, the Lime, the Milkwort, etc., can, in a British Flora,

scarcely be treated of otherwise than as isolated genera. It would be hopeless to attempt a correct delineation of the families they belong to without extensive illustration from exotic plants. The main points only are in these cases indicated, and further details are entered into in regard to such families only as *Ranunculaceæ*, *Crucifers*, *Umbellates*, etc., whose chief characteristic forms are exemplified in our islands.

The British stations of the species are given as general as possible, being indicative rather of where a plant is likely to be found, than of the precise spot where it has been gathered. In a territory so thickly peopled and so much cultivated as the greater part of Britain, wild plants vary much in frequency and in local distribution. A species may, from accidental causes, almost disappear for a time from one county, or become abundant in another where hitherto it had been almost unknown; but the general range of each species has prescribed limits, now pretty well known for British Plants, and which may well be stated in general terms. In this respect it will be readily perceived how largely the Author has availed himself of the close investigations and judicious criticisms displayed in Hewett Watson's elaborate 'Cybele Britannica,' and he trusts he may not be accused of plagiarism if he has deduced the British stations almost entirely from that work, sometimes using Mr. Watson's own words, but always checking and occasionally modifying the conclusions according to the data supplied by personal observation, or by the herbaria and other sources within his reach. The general geographical areas prefixed in each case, for reasons to which allusion will presently be made, are taken from the same herbaria, from the Author's own herborizations, extending over a great portion of Europe, and from the best Floras of the northern hemisphere, such as those of Ledebour, Fries, Koch, Grenier and Godron, Asa Gray, etc., aided by Nyman's useful compilation, more recently published.

The omission or insertion of doubtful denizens occasions considerable diversity in the number of species assigned to local Floras. Some writers introduce not only every plant that has been once found in an apparently wild state, however accidental or temporary may have been its appearance, but also all plants generally cultivated. They argue that whatever has once sown itself is likely to do so again, and to be again gathered as wild, and will much embarrass the student if he does not find it in the Flora of the district; and, as to

cultivated plants, that it would be absurd, in a work professing to describe the vegetation of a country, to omit those which cover two-thirds of its surface. On the other hand, those who confine themselves to strictly indigenous plants, plead the uncertainty attending the insertion of introduced or cultivated ones, which are daily becoming more numerous, and that, if you once open the door for their admission, you cannot draw the line between the local Flora and the enumeration of all the species ever raised in our gardens. In the present Work it has been endeavoured, after the example of our best Floras, to steer a middle course as the most useful to the amateur, although, certainly, not the most correct were the object to supply data for the Physical Geographer. Plants evidently cultivated are omitted from the Flora, but those most likely to be met with are usually shortly alluded to under the families or genera to which they respectively belong. Introduced plants which appear to have permanently established themselves, and spread beyond the locality where they were first sown or accidentally deposited, such as Hewett Watson designates as *colonists*, are generally included, whilst such temporary visitors as only reappear when the causes of their introduction recur, the *aliens* of Hewett Watson, are in most cases omitted. An exception is, however, made in favour of cornfield weeds, many of which have now become so widely spread over the globe that it is difficult to say where they are really indigenous or naturalized. In some instances it would appear that the whole of the land they would have originally inhabited is now in a state of cultivation; and if omitted from one Flora on the ground of their being merely sown with the crops, they must, for the same reason, be rejected from almost every other one.

There is another class of doubtful inhabitants of our country which have obtained insertion in our Floras, from having been said to have been once found by some zealous explorer, although no one has as yet succeeded in confirming the discovery. These are now frequently rejected on the supposition that some mistake had arisen in the identity of the species, or in the record of the circumstances under which it was found. Whenever this appears to have been the case, such species, as well as those which, although once natives, are now known to be extinct within our limits, are omitted in the present Work; but, on the other hand, the stations of some species, on the outskirts of their general area, are really very limited, and they may only be met with accidentally, at long intervals. In deciding on the

reliance to be placed upon such discoveries, where the personal evidence is not convincing, we must be guided by collateral circumstances depending mainly on the geographical range of the species. There is probably not a single species of flowering plants peculiar to our islands.* Those which are confined to our western counties and to Ireland may generally be traced down the western departments of France to Spain and Portugal; the mountain plants of Scotland are mostly to be found in greater abundance in Norway and Sweden, and often, though at great elevations, in the Alps and Pyrenees; in our eastern counties there are occasionally found a very few of the east European species, which, although extending over the Scandinavian peninsula and Denmark, do not, in central Europe, spread much to the westward of the Rhine; our southern coasts here and there shelter the extreme northern representatives of species common in the warmer regions of southern Europe; whilst the bulk of our Flora, the more common inhabitants of our lower hills, plains, and seacoasts, are, in similar situations, more or less spread over the continent of Europe and that vast portion of temperate or northern Asia now under the Russian dominion, extending frequently beyond eastern Siberia to the shores of the Pacific. Plants generally spread over these regions, if only once or twice found, upon tolerable authority, in corresponding stations in this country, may therefore well be admitted as likely to be found again; but, to convince us that a species only known to flourish in the burning districts of the south Mediterranean region grows also on Salisbury Plain, that others should skip from the hot, dry hills of Italy and Greece to the cold, damp mountains of northern England without being found in any intermediate station, or that a subalpine plant of central and southern Europe, which does not there ascend to the high primitive ranges, should have strayed in an isolated locality in the high granite-mountains of northern Scotland, would require stronger evidence than the casual mention by a botanist of the seventeeth century, or the testimony of a gardener, founded on specimens raised from seeds gathered in a summer excursion.

It is chiefly with a view to illustrating the probable indigenous or adventitious character of the species, that the general geographical area each one occupies is prefixed to its British stations, stated however only in general terms, without investigating very precisely its remote limits, especially towards the south and the east, these

* The *Irish Spiranth* (p. 507) is at present the sole exception.

having less reference to the British Flora.* Here again it should be added that, in deciding upon the admission or rejection of particular species, great use has been made of the arguments and conclusions of Hewett Watson, as well as of the detailed review of them contained in the 'Géographie Botanique' of Alphonse de Candolle.

Taking into account the omission of all plants erroneously indicated as British, it will still, no doubt, be a matter of astonishment that, whilst the last edition of Hooker and Arnott's Flora contains 1571 species, and that of Babington's 'Manual' as many as 1708, (exclusive of *Chara*), that number is in the present Work reduced to 1285. This is not owing to any real difference of opinion as to the richness and diversity of our vegetable productions, but is occasioned by a different appreciation of the value of the species themselves. The Author has long been persuaded that the views originally entertained by Linnæus of what really constitutes a species, were far more correct than the more limited sense to which many modern botanists seem inclined to restrict the term; and that in most cases where that great master had good means of observation, he succeeded admirably in the practical application of his principles. At any rate, if those minute distinctions by which the innumerable varieties of Brambles, of Roses, of Hawkweeds, or of Willows have of late years been characterized, are really more constant and more important than the Author's experience has led him to conclude, they cannot be understood without a more complete acquaintance with trifling, vague, and sometimes theoretical characters, than he has himself been able to attain, or than can ever be expected from the mere amateur. It is considered, therefore, that such details would be out of place in the present Work, and those who feel sufficient interest in the subject to devote their leisure hours to the investigation, can only hope to master it by a close and patient study of the numerous, often very carefully elaborated Monographs published in Germany, Sweden, and France, as well as in this country. The species are here limited according to what are conceived to have been the original principles of Linnæus; and the Author, in submitting his views to the judgment of the scientific world, trusts that they will not be attributed to hasty generalizations or conjectural

* The species mentioned as south European generally penetrate more or less into northern Africa; those which are said to extend eastward to the Caucasus often spread more or less over Persia, and further into central Asia.

theories, but that they will be generally recognized as founded on personal observation of living plants, made during many years' residence on the Continent as well as in this country, and on repeated comparison of specimens collected from the most varied and distant points of the geographical areas of the several species.

An attempt has on the present occasion been made to give prominence to a series of English names to the British plants, rendering them as far as possible consistent with the recognized principles of systematic nomenclature, so essential for the study of plants. It was at first intended merely to have adopted those which are appended to all the genera and species in Hooker and Arnott's Flora; but the first attempts to apply them practically gave evidence that they had never been framed with a view to being used by botanists or amateurs in the place of the Latin ones. It will be observed that there is among them a continual confusion between popular, trivial, and generic names, between epithets and specific names, between substantives and adjectives; that on frequent occasions one name is applied to several genera, or several names to one genus; that the number of words forming the name of a plant varies from one to five, instead of being constantly two; and that some of the names put forward as English are very local, almost unknown, or obsolete, and no easier to learn than the more useful Latin ones they represent. It became necessary, therefore, thoroughly to revise the whole system, and to recast it upon the Linnæan principles, universally adopted for the Latin botanical names. In this work the Author has had the valuable assistance of Professor Henslow, or, rather, is indebted to him for the chief part of it, and the names have been generally settled in consultation with him and with Dr. J. D. Hooker. The full statement of the principles which have induced the rejection of certain names and the substitution of others, and the details of their application to individual cases, would occupy more space than is consistent with the limits of this Preface. They are, however, given at length in a paper prepared by the Author, to be laid before the Linnæan Society on the publication of this Flora. In the same paper are recorded such observations on matters of detail, in the limitation, character, or synonymy of genera and species, as have been suggested in the course of the preparation of this Work, but which would have too much increased its bulk if inserted in its pages, and would moreover have presented but little interest to the mere amateur.

There is only one point in which the Author has been unable fully to enter into the views of Professor Henslow, that is, in the names to be given to the Families or Natural Orders. In Latin they were mostly taken from the name of some familiar or characteristic genus, to which was added an adjective termination in *-aceæ*, *-ideæ*, *-ineæ*, etc., varying, for euphonic reasons, according to the recognized usage of the Latin language; whilst a few of the largest families received names derived from some prominent feature. Some modern botanists, thinking to give more fixity to the idea of a natural family, have reduced the names of all, without exception, to that of a supposed typical genus, modified by the termination *-aceæ*; a course, however, which in the opinion of others has a disagreeable effect from its resulting monotony, without affording corresponding advantages. All these names in Latin are adjective plurals, which the genius of that language allows to be taken as substantives by the omission of the word *plantæ* to which they refer. That cannot be the case in English; and Professor Lindley in the first instance, and more recently Professor Henslow, have proposed substitutes which should have the effect of English plurals. Dr. Lindley varied his names, giving sometimes compounds of *worts*, *flowers*, *blooms*, etc., but more frequently translating the Latin termination *-aceæ* into *-ads*. Professor Henslow proposes the uniform adoption of the termination *-anths*. The Author of this Work agrees entirely with both of these distinguished botanists in the opinion that English single-worded names for all the families would be very desirable did they exist, and that it may be hoped that such may be gradually introduced for the more important of them. But he fears that the coining, at once, above a hundred names, with the un-English terminations *-ads* or *-anths*, and putting them forward as easy English names, would hardly be accepted by the Public. For the present, therefore, the English two-worded names are retained, for which the reader can readily substitute single-worded ones in the manner explained in the Introduction, p. 34.

What is usually termed *Synonymy*, or the concordance with other botanical works, is here generally omitted, as being only of interest to the general scientific botanist. Exceptions are, however, made in favour of references to the plates of Smith and Sowerby's 'English Botany,' and to the names in Hooker and Arnott's 'British Flora' (7th edit.), or in Babington's 'Manual of British Botany' (4th edit.), whenever they differ from those here adopted.

In conclusion, the Author begs to remind the reader that what he has here chiefly attempted is to facilitate in some measure the amateur's first steps in the study of the vegetation of the British Isles. In this he may have been more or less successful; but, at the best, the beginner must not hope that any Work will enable him to ascertain the name of a plant without trouble, or, indeed, without a considerable degree of care and patience in its examination; descriptions can in this respect never supply the place of well-executed figures, still less of named specimens for comparison. The Author will, however, feel amply rewarded for the labour he has bestowed in preparing them, if in any instance it may have had the effect of inspiring a young naturalist with that taste for the science which he himself imbibed from the Work he has taken for his model, and which has been to him, through life, a never-ending source of occupation, interest, and happiness.

INTRODUCTION.

I. Definitions.

The principal object of a **Flora** of a country is to afford the means of *determining* (*i.e.* ascertaining the name of) any plant growing in it, whether for the purpose of ulterior study or of intellectual exercise.

With this view, a Flora consists of descriptions of all the plants contained in the country in question, so drawn up that the student may identify his plant with the corresponding description.

These descriptions should be *clear*, *concise*, *accurate*, and *characteristic*, so as that each one should be readily adapted to the plant it relates to and to no other one; they should be as near as possible arranged under *natural* divisions, so as to facilitate the comparison of each plant with those nearest allied to it; and they should be accompanied by an *artificial key* or index, by means of which the student may be guided step by step in the observation of such peculiarities or *characters* in his plant, as may lead him, with the least delay, to the individual description belonging to it.

For descriptions to be clear and readily intelligible, they should be expressed as much as possible in ordinary well-established language. But, for the purpose of accuracy, it is necessary, not only to give a more precise technical meaning to many terms used more or less vaguely in common conversation, but also to introduce purely technical names for such parts of plants or forms as are of little importance except to the botanist. The object of the present Chapter is to define all such *technical* or *technically limited* terms as are in use in the present or in most other British Floras.

At the same time mathematical accuracy must not be expected. The forms and appearances assumed by plants and their parts are infinite. Names cannot be invented for all; those even that have been proposed are too numerous for ordinary memories. Many are derived from supposed resemblances to well-known forms or objects. These resemblances are differently appreciated by different persons, and the same term is not only differently applied by two different botanists, but it frequently happens that the same writer is led on different occasions to give somewhat different meanings to the same word. Nor can this be otherwise: beautiful as is the symmetry of structure in plants, it is not one of rule and compass. Their parts are never precisely regular, nor is the same part precisely of the same form in two individuals of the same species; and the botanist's definitions and descriptions must partake of this uncertainty. His endeavour must be, on the one hand, to make as near an approach to precision as circumstances will allow, and on the other

hand to avoid that prolixity of detail and overloading with technical terms which tends rather to confusion than clearness. In this he will be more or less successful. The aptness of a botanical description, like the beauty of a work of imagination, will always vary with the style and genius of the author.

§ 1. *The Plant in General.*

The **Plant**, in its botanical sense, includes every being which has *vegetable life*, from the loftiest tree which adorns our landscapes, to the humblest moss which grows on its stem, to the mould or fungus which attacks our provisions, or the green scum that floats on our ponds.

Every portion of a plant which has a distinct part or *function* to perform in the operations or phenomena of vegetable life is called an **Organ.**

What constitutes *vegetable life*, and what are the functions of each organ, belong to *Vegetable Physiology;* the microscopical structure of the tissues composing the organs, to *Vegetable Anatomy;* the composition of the substances of which they are formed, to *Vegetable Chemistry;* and it is unnecessary here to enter into any details as to the terms specially used in either of these branches of botany. For our present purpose we have only to consider the forms of organs, their *Morphology*, in the proper sense of the term, and their general structure so far as it affects classification and specific resemblances and differences.

In the more perfect plants, their organs are comprised in the general terms **Root, Stem, Leaves, Flowers,** and **Fruit.** Of these the three first, whose function is to assist in the growth of the plant, are called *Organs of vegetation;* the flower and fruit, whose office is the formation of the seed, are the *Organs of reproduction.*

All these organs exist in some shape or another, at some period of the life of most, if not all, *flowering plants*, technically called *phænogamous* or *phanerogamous* plants; which all bear some kind of flower, in the botanical sense of the term. In the lower classes, the ferns, mosses, fungi, moulds or mildews, seaweeds, etc., called by botanists *cryptogamous* plants, the flower, and not unfrequently one or more of the organs of vegetation, are either wanting, or replaced by organs so different as to be hardly capable of bearing the same name.

The observations comprised in the following pages refer exclusively to the flowering or phænogamous plants. The study of the cryptogamous classes has now become so complicated as to form almost a separate science. They are therefore not included in the introductory observations, nor, with the exception of ferns, in the present Flora.

Plants are

Monocarpic, if they die after one flowering season. These include *Annuals*, which flower in the same year in which they are raised from seed, and *Biennials*, which only flower in the year following that in which they are sown.

Caulocarpic, if, after flowering, the whole or part of the plant lives through the winter and produces fresh flowers another season. These include, *Herbaceous perennials*, in which the greater part of the plant dies after flowering, leaving only a small perennial portion called the *Stock*, close to, or within the earth; *Undershrubs*, in which the flowering branches, forming a considerable portion of the plant, die down after flowering, but leave a more or less prominent perennial and woody base; *Shrubs*, in which the perennial woody part forms the greater part of the plant, but branches near the base,

and does not much exceed a man's height; and *Trees*, where the height is greater and forms a woody *trunk*, scarcely branching from the base. *Bushes* are low, much-branched shrubs.

The terms *Monocarpic* and *Caulocarpic* are but little used, but the other distinctions enumerated above are universally attended to, although more useful to the gardener than to the botanist, who cannot always assign to them any precise character. Monocarpic plants which require more than two or three years to produce their flowers, will often, under certain circumstances, become herbaceous perennials, and are generally confounded with them. Truly perennial herbs will often commence flowering the first year, and have then all the appearance of annuals. Many tall shrubs and trees lose annually their flowering branches, like undershrubs. And the same botanical species may be an annual or a perennial, a herbaceous perennial or an undershrub, an undershrub or a shrub, a shrub or a tree, according to climate, treatment, or variety.

The simplest form of the perfect plant, the annual, consists of

The **Root,** which grows downwards from the stem, divides and spreads in the earth or water, and absorbs food for the plant through the extremities of its branches.

The **Stem,** which grows upwards from the root, branches and bears first one or more leaves in succession, then one or more flowers, and finally one or more fruits. It contains the *vessels* or channels by which the nutriment absorbed by the roots is conveyed to certain points of the surface of the plant to be *elaborated* or converted into *sap*, and by which this sap is redistributed over different parts of the plant for its support and growth.

The **Leaves,** usually flat, green, and horizontal, variously arranged on the stem and its branches. They elaborate the nutriment brought to them from the root, absorbing gases from the air and exhaling the superfluous portion in a manner which has been compared to the breathing of animals.

The **Flowers,** usually placed at or towards the extremities of the branches. They are destined to form the future *seed*. When perfect they consist: 1st, of one or more *pistils* in the centre, each containing the germ of one or more seeds; 2nd, of one or more *stamens* outside the pistils, whose action is necessary to *fertilize* the pistils or enable them to ripen their seed; 3rd, of a single or double *perianth* or *floral envelope*, which usually encloses the stamens and pistils when young, and expands and exposes them to view when fully formed. When the perianth is double, the outer one, called the *calyx*, is usually more green and leaf-like; the inner one, called the *corolla*, more conspicuous, and variously coloured. It is the perianth, and especially the corolla, as the most showy part, that is generally called the flower in popular language. The time which elapses from the first expanding of the perianth till the pistil is *set* or begins to enlarge, is the *period of flowering*.

The **Fruit,** consisting of the pistil or its lower portion which persists or remains attached to the plant after the remainder of the flower has withered and fallen off. It enlarges and alters more or less in shape or consistence, becomes a *seed-vessel*, enclosing the seed until it is ripe, when it either opens to discharge the seed, or falls to the ground with the seed. In popular language the term *fruit* is often limited to such seed-vessels as are or look juicy and eatable. Botanists give that name to all seed-vessels.

The herbaceous perennial resembles the annual during the first year of its growth; but it also forms (usually towards the close of the season), on its *stock* (the portion of the stem and root which does not die), one or more *buds*, either exposed, and then popularly called *eyes*, or concealed among

leaves. These buds are future branches as yet undeveloped; they remain dormant through the winter, and the following spring grow out into new stems bearing leaves and flowers like those of the preceding year, whilst the lower part of the stock emits fresh roots to replace those which had perished at the same time as the stems.

Shrubs and trees form similar buds either at the extremity of their branches, or along the branches of the year. In the latter case the buds usually appear in the *axil* of each leaf, *i.e.* in the angle formed by the leaf and the branch.

§ 2. *The Root.*

Roots produce neither leaves, flowers, nor buds. Their branches, called *fibres* when slender and long, proceed irregularly from any part of their surface.

Although roots proceed usually from the base of the stem or stock, they may also be produced from the base of any bud, especially if the bud lie along the ground, or is otherwise placed by nature or art in circumstances favourable for their development.

Roots are

fibrous, when they consist chiefly of slender fibres.

tuberous, when either the main root or its branches are thickened into one or more short fleshy or woody masses called *tubers*.

taproots, when the main root descends perpendicularly into the earth, emitting only very small fibrous branches.

The stock of a herbaceous perennial, or the lower part of the stem of an annual or perennial, or the lowest branches of a plant are sometimes underground and assume the appearance of a root. They then take the name of *rhizome*. The rhizome may always be distinguished from the true root by the presence or production of one or more buds, or leaves, or scales.

§ 3. *The Stock.*

The **Stock** of a herbaceous perennial, in its most complete state, includes a small portion of the summits of the previous year's roots, as well as of the base of the previous year's stems. Such stocks will increase yearly, so as at length to form dense tufts. They will often preserve a few leaves through the winter, amongst which are placed the buds, which grow out into stems the following year, whilst the under side of the stock emits new roots from or amongst the remains of the old ones.

These *perennial stocks* only differ from the permanent base of an undershrub in the shortness of the perennial part of the stems, and in their texture usually less woody.

In some perennials however the stock consists merely of a branch, which proceeds in autumn from the base of the stem, either above-ground or underground, and produces one or more buds. This branch, or a portion of it, alone survives the winter. In the following year these buds produce the new stem and roots, whilst the rest of the plant, even the branch on which these buds were formed, has died away.

These *annual stocks*, called sometimes *hybernacula*, *offsets*, or *stoles*, keep up the communication between the annual stem and root of one year and those of the following year, thus forming altogether a perennial plant.

The stock, whether annual or perennial, is often entirely underground or root-like. This is the *rootstock*, to which some botanists limit the meaning

of the term rhizome. Properly speaking, the rootstoek either is the same as the rhizome, or it may inelude the rhizome and a portion of the root, or the rhizome may form part of an annual stem, and not of the stoek.

The term *tuber* is applied to a short, thick, more or less sueculent rootstock or rhizome, as well as to a root of that shape, although some botanists propose to restrict its meaning to the one or to the other. An *Orchis* tuber, ealled by some a *knob*, is an annual tnberous rootstoek, with one bud at the top. A potato is an annual tuberous rootstock, with several buds.

A *bulb* is a stoek of a shape approaching to globular, nsually rather conieal above, and flattened underneath, in whieh the bud or buds are coneealed under *scales*. These seales are the more or less thiekened bases of the deeayed leaves of the preeeding year, or of the undeveloped leaves of the future year, or of both. Bulbs are annual or perennial, usually underground or elose to the ground, but oeeasionally buds in the axils of the upper leaves beeome transformed into hulbs.

A *corm* is a rootstock, usually annual, shaped like a bulb, but in which the bnd or buds are not eovered by seales.

§ 4. *The Stem.*

Stems are

erect, when they asecnd perpendicularly from the root or stoek.

decumbent, or *ascending*, when they spread horizontally, or nearly so, at the base, and then turn upwards and beeome ereet.

procumbent, when they spread along the ground the whole or the greater portion of their length.

prostrate, when they lie still eloser to the ground.

creeping, when they emit roots at their joints. This term is also frequently applied to any rhizomes or roots whieh spread horizontally.

Weak elimbing stems are said to *twine*, when they support themselves by winding spirally round any objeet, simply to *climb*, when they support themselves by their leaves, or by speeial organs called *tendrils*, which are usually either imperfeetly-formed leafstalks or flowerstalks.

Suckers are yonng plants formed at the end of creeping underground rootstoeks.

Scions, *runners*, and *stolones* or *stoles*, are names given to young plants formed at the end or at the joints of branehes or stoeks creeping wholly or partially above-ground, or sometimes to the ereeping stoeks themselves.

A *node* is a point of the stem or its branches whieh bears one or more leaves or branehes, the branch almost always proeeeding from the axil of a leaf. An *internode* is the portion of the stem comprised between two nodes.

Branehes or leaves are

opposite, when two proceed from the same node on opposite sides of the stem.

whorled, or *verticillate*, when several proeeed from the same node, arranged regularly round the stem.

alternate, when one only proeeeds from each node, one on one side, and the next above on the opposite side of the stem.

decussate, when opposite, but each pair plaeed at right angles to the one next above or below it.

scattered, when irregularly arranged round the stem; frequently however botanists apply the term *alternate* to all branehes or leaves that are neither opposite nor whorled.

secund, when all start from or are turned to one side of the stem.

Branches are

forked, when, instead of proceeding from the side of a main stem, the stem itself is divided into two equal branches.

dichotomous, when each fork is again forked, or the same mode of division is several times repeated.

trichotomous, when divided in the same manner into three branches at each division instead of two. When the middle branch is evidently the principal one, the stem is usually said to have two opposite branches; if the central one is smaller or not larger than the two others, the word *trichotomous* is applied.

umbellate, when divided in the same manner into several branches, with the central one not larger than the others.

§ 5. *The Leaves.*

The ordinary perfect **Leaf** consists of a flat *blade* or *lamina*, usually green, and more or less horizontal, supported on, or connected with the stem by a stalk called a *petiole*.

When the form or dimensions of a leaf are spoken of, it is generally the blade that is meant, without the petiole or stalk.

Leaves are

sessile, when the blade rests on the stem without the intervention of a petiole.

amplexicaul, or *stem-clasping*, when the sessile base of the blade is not a mere point, but forms more or less of a ring, clasping the stem horizontally.

perfoliate, when the base of the blade not only clasps the stem, but closes round it on the opposite side, so that the stem appears to pierce through the leaf itself.

decurrent, when the edges of the leaf are continued down the stem so as to form raised lines or narrow appendages called *wings*.

sheathing, when the base of the blade, or of the more or less expanded petiole, forms a vertical sheath round the stem for some distance above the node.

Leaves and flowers are called *radical*, when inserted on a rhizome or stock, or so close to the base of the stem as to appear to proceed from the root, rhizome, or stock.

Radical leaves are *rosulate*, when they spread in a circle on the ground.

Leaves are

simple and *entire*, when the blade consists of a single piece, with the margin nowhere indented, *simple* being used in opposition to *compound*, *entire* in opposition to *dentate*, *lobed*, or *divided*.

ciliate, when bordered with thick hairs, or fine hair-like teeth.

dentate, or *toothed*, when the margin is only cut a little way in, into what have been compared to teeth. Such leaves are *serrate*, when the teeth are regular and pointed like the teeth of a saw; *crenate*, when regular and blunt or rounded (compared to the battlements of a tower); *sinuate*, when broad, not deep and irregular (compared to bays of the coast); *wavy*, when the edges are not flat, but bent up and down (compared to the waves of the sea).

lobed, or *cleft*, when more deeply indented or divided, but so that the incisions do not reach the midrib or petiole. The teeth of these leaves take the name of *lobes*.

divided, when the incisions reach the midrib or petiole, but the parts

so divided off, called *segments*, do not separate from the petiole, even when the leaf falls, without tearing.

compound, when divided to the midrib or petiole, and the parts so divided off, called *leaflets*, separate, at least at the fall of the leaf, from the petiole, as the whole leaf does from the stem, without tearing.

Leaves are more or less marked by *veins*, which, starting from the stalk, diverge or branch as the blade widens, and spread all over it more or less visibly. These veins contain the vessels by which the sap is carried from the stem and petiole to the surface of the leaf. The principal ones, when prominent, are often called *ribs* or *nerves*, the smaller branches only then retaining the name of *veins*. When one principal vein runs direct from the stalk towards the summit of the leaf, it is called the *midrib*. When several start from the stalk, diverge slightly without branching, and converge again towards the summit, they are said to be *parallel*, although not mathematically so.

The veins of leaves, as also their lobes, segments, or leaflets, are

pinnate, when there are several succeeding each other on each side of the midrib or petiole, compared to the branches of a feather. A leaf with pinnate lobes is shortly called *pinnatifid*. A pinnately-lobed or divided leaf is called *lyrate* when the terminal lobe or segment is much larger and broader than the lateral ones, compared, by a stretch of imagination, to a lyre; *runcinate*, when the lateral lobes are curved backwards towards the stem.

palmate, or *digilate*, when several diverge from the same point, compared to the fingers of the hand. A leaf with palmate lobes is shortly called *palmatifid*.

ternate, when three only start from the same point, in which case the distinction between the palmate and pinnate arrangement often ceases, or can only be determined by analogy with allied plants. A leaf with ternate lobes is called *trifid*. A leaf with three leaflets is sometimes improperly called a ternate leaf: it is the leaflets that are ternate. Ternate leaves are leaves growing three together.

pedate, when the division is at first ternate, but the two outer branches are forked, the outer one of each fork again forked, and so on, and all the branches are near together at the base, compared vaguely to the foot of a bird. A leaf with pedate lobes is called *pedatifid*.

The teeth, lobes, segments, or leaflets, may be again toothed, lobed, divided, or compounded. Some leaves are even three or more times divided or compounded.

The number of leaves or their parts is expressed adjectively by the following numerals, derived from the Latin:—

uni-,	bi-,	tri-,	quadri-,	quinque-,	sex-,	septem-,	octo-,	novem-,	decem-,	etc.,	multi-
1-,	2-,	3-,	4-,	5-,	6-,	7-,	8-,	9-,	10-,		*many-*

prefixed to a termination, indicating the particular kind of part referred to. Thus—

unidenlate, *bidentale*, *multidenlate*, mean one-toothed, two-toothed, many-toothed, etc.

bifid, *trifid*, *multifid*, mean two-lobed, three-lobed, many-lobed, etc.

unifoliolate, *bifoliolate*, *multifoliolate*, mean with one leaflet, with two leaflets, with many leaflets, etc.

unifoliate, *bifoliale*, *multifoliale*, mean with one leaf, with two leaves, with many leaves, etc.

Leaves or their parts, or any other flat organs in plants, are

linear, when long and narrow, at least four or five times as long as broad,

falsely compared to a mathematical line, for a linear leaf has always a perceptible breadth. When not broader than thick, it is called *subulate*, compared to an awl.

lanceolate, when about three or more times as long as broad, broadest below the middle, and tapering towards the summit, compared to the head of a lance.

cuneate, when broadest above the middle, and tapering towards the base, compared to a wedge with the point downwards.

spathulate, when the broad part near the top is short, and the narrow tapering part long, compared to a spatula, or flat ladle.

oblong, when from about two to nearly four times as long as broad.

ovate, when scarcely twice as long as broad, and rather broader below the middle, compared to the longitudinal section of an egg; *obovate* is the same form, with the broadest part above the middle.

orbicular, *oval*, or *elliptical*, when compared to the mathematical circle, oval, or ellipsis.

transversely oblong, when conspicuously broader than long.

Intermediate forms between any two of the above are expressed by combining two terms. A *linear-lanceolate* leaf is long and narrow, yet broader below the middle and tapering to the point; a *linear-oblong* one is scarcely narrow enough to be called linear, yet too broad to be strictly oblong, and does not conspicuously taper either towards the summit or towards the base.

The *apex* or *summit* of a leaf, the end furthest from the petiole, is

acute, or *pointed*, when it forms what mathematicians call an acute angle, or tapers to a point.

obtuse, or *blunt*, when it forms a very obtuse angle, or more generally when it is more or less rounded at the top, without forming a mathematical angle.

acuminate, or *cuspidate*, when suddenly narrowed near the top, and then more or less prolonged into an *acumen*, or *point*, which may be acute or obtuse, linear or tapering. Some botanists make a slight difference between the *acuminate* and *cuspidate* apex, but in general they are used in the same sense, some preferring one term and some the other.

truncate, when the end is cut off square.

retuse, when very obtuse or truncate and slightly indented.

emarginate, or *notched*, when more decidedly indented at the end of the midrib.

mucronate, when the midrib is produced beyond the apex in the form of a small point.

aristate, when the point is fine like a hair.

The base of the leaf is liable to the same variations of form as the apex, but the terms more commonly used are, *tapering* or *narrowed* for *acute* and *acuminate*, *rounded* for *obtuse*, and *cordate* for *emarginate*. In all cases the petiole or the point of attachment prevent any such absolute termination at the base as at the apex.

A leaf may be *cordate* at the base whatever be its length or breath, or whatever the shape of the two lateral lobes, called *auricles* (or *little ears*), formed by the indenture or notch; but the term *cordiform* or *heart-shaped* leaf, is restricted to an ovate and acute leaf, cordate at the base, with rounded auricles. The word *auricles* is more particularly used as applied to sessile and stem-clasping leaves.

If the auricles are pointed, the leaf is said to be *sagittate* when the points

are directed downwards, compared to an arrow-head; *hastate*, when the points diverge horizontally, compared to a halbert.

A *reniform* leaf is broader than long, slightly but broadly cordate at the base, with rounded auricles, compared to a kidney.

In a *peltate* leaf, the stalk, instead of proceeding from the lower edge of the blade, is attached to the under surface, usually near the lower edge, but sometimes in the very centre of the blade. The peltate leaf has usually several principal nerves radiating from the point of attachment.

All the modifications of division and form in the leaf pass so gradually one into the other that it is often difficult to say which term is the most applicable—whether the leaf be toothed or lobed, divided or compound, oblong or lanceolate, obtuse or acute, etc. The choice of the most apt expression will depend on the talent of the describer.

In their consistence, leaves or flat organs are

fleshy, when thick and soft; *succulent* is generally used in the same sense, but implies the presence of more juice.

coriaceous, when firm and dry, or very tough, of the consistence of leather.

membranous, when thin and not stiff.

scariose, when very thin, more or less transparent, and not green, yet rather stiff.

§ 6. *Scales, Bracts, and Stipules.*

Scales (*squamæ*) are leaves very much reduced in size, usually sessile, seldom green or capable of performing the respiratory functions of perfect leaves. In other words, they are organs resembling leaves in their position on the plant, but differing in size, colour, texture, and functions. They are most frequent on the stock of herbaceous perennials, or at the base of annual branches, especially on the buds of future shoots, and serve apparently to protect the dormant living germ from the rigour of winter. In the latter case they are usually short, broad, close together, and more or less *imbricated*, that is, overlapping each other like the tiles of a roof. It is this arrangement, as well as their usual shape, that has suggested the name of *scales*, borrowed from the scales of a fish.

Sometimes, however, most or all of the leaves of the plant are reduced to small scales, in which case they do not appear to perform any particular function. The name of *scales* is also given to any small broad flat scale-like appendage or reduced organ, whether in the flower or any other part of the plant.

Bracts are the upper leaves of a plant in flower (those of the flowering branches, or only one or two immediately under the flower), when different from the stem-leaves in size, shape, colour, or arrangement. They are generally much smaller and more sessile. They often partake of the colour of the flower, although they very frequently also retain the green colour of the stem-leaves. When small they are often called *scales*.

Floral leaves or *Leafy bracts* are generally the lower bracts, or the upper leaves at the base of the flowering branches, intermediate in shape, size, or arrangement, between the stem-leaves and the upper bracts.

Bracteoles are the one or two last bracts under each flower, when they differ materially in shape, size, or arrangement from the other bracts.

Stipules are leaf-like or scale-like appendages at the base of the leafstalk, or on the node of the stem. When present there are generally two, one on each side of the leaf, and they sometimes appear to protect the young leaf

before it is developed. They are however exceedingly variable in size and appearance, sometimes exactly like the true leaves, or looking like leaflets of a compound leaf, sometimes apparently the only leaves of the plant; generally small and narrow, sometimes reduced to minute scales, spots, or scars, sometimes united into one opposite the leaf, or quite detached from the leaf, and forming a ring or sheath round the stem in the axil of the leaf. In a great number of plants they are entirely wanting.

§ 7. *Inflorescence and its Bracts.*

The Inflorescence of a plant is the arrangement of the flowering branches, and of the flowers upon them. *An Inflorescence* is a flowering branch or the flowering summit of a plant above the last stem-leaves, with its branches, bracts, and flowers.

A single flower or an inflorescence is *terminal* when at the summit of a stem or leafy branch, *axillary* when in the axil of a stem-leaf. The inflorescence of a plant is said to be *terminal* or *determinate* when the main stem and principal branches end in a flower or inflorescence, *axillary*, or *indeterminate*, when all the flowers or inflorescences are axillary.

A *peduncle* is the stalk of a solitary flower, or of an inflorescence, that is to say, the portion of the flowering branch from the last stem-leaf to the flower, or to the first ramification of the inflorescence, or even up to its last ramifications.

A *scape* or *radical peduncle* is a peduncle that proceeds from the stock, or from so near the base of the stem as to appear radical, provided always that it bears no leaves at all, or that the leaves are all reduced to small scales or bracts.

A *pedicel* is the last branch of an inflorescence, supporting a single flower.

Inflorescences, like stems, may have their branches opposite, alternate, or scattered; dichotomous, trichotomous, or umbellate.

Inflorescence is

centrifugal, when the terminal flower opens first, and those on the lateral branches are successively developed.

centripetal, when the lowest flowers open first and the main stem continues to elongate, developing fresh flowers.

Determinate inflorescence is usually centrifugal. Indeterminate inflorescence is always centripetal.

Both inflorescences may be combined in one plant, for it often happens that the main branches of an inflorescence are centripetal, whilst the flowers in the lateral branches are centrifugal; or *vice versâ*.

An Inflorescence is

a Spike, or *spicate*, when the flowers are sessile along a single undivided axis, called the *rhachis*.

a Raceme, or *racemose*, when the flowers are borne on pedicels along a single undivided axis, also often called the *rhachis*.

a Panicle, or *paniculate*, when the axis is divided into branches bearing two or more flowers.

a Head, or *capitate*, when the flowers are collected into a compact globular or roundish cluster, compared to a man's head. Strictly speaking the head is either a globular spike or a globular panicle of which the branches are excessively short.

An Umbel, or *umbellate*, inflorescence, is a raceme in which all the pedicels appear to start from the same point and are of nearly the same length, or

attain the same level, giving the inflorescence the appearance of an umbrella. The pedicels are then called the *rays* of the umbel. A *compound umbel* is one in which each ray bears an umbel of flowers (called an *umbellule*) instead of a single flower.

A *Corymb*, or *corymbose* inflorescence, is a flat-topped panicle. The branches, although starting from different points, all attain the same level, the lower ones being much longer than the central ones.

A *Cyme*, or *cymose* inflorescence, is a centrifugal panicle, and generally assumes the corymbose form. The central flower opens first. The lateral branches successively developed are usually forked or opposite (dichotomous or trichotomous), but sometimes after the first forking the branches are no longer divided, but produce a succession of pedicels on the upper side, forming apparently unilateral centripetal racemes; whereas, if attentively examined, it will be found that each pedicel is really terminal, but that only one branch on the outer side is developed immediately under the pedicel. Such branches when in bud are generally rolled back at the top like the tail of a scorpion, and are therefore called *scorpioid*.

There are numerous cases where inflorescences are intermediate between some two of the above, and are called by different botanists by one or the other name, according as they are guided by apparent or theoretical similarity. A spike-like panicle where the axis is divided into very short branches forming a cylindrical compact inflorescence, is called sometimes a spike, sometimes a panicle. If the flowers are in distinct clusters along a simple axis, the inflorescence is described as an *interrupted* spike, or raceme, according as the flowers are nearly sessile, or distinctly pedicellate; although, when closely examined, the flowers or pedicels will be found to be inserted, not on the main axis, but on a very short branch, thus, strictly speaking, constituting a panicle.

The *catkins* of the *Amentaceæ*, or Catkin family, the *spadices* of several Monocotyledons are forms of the spike.

Bracts are generally placed singly under each branch of the inflorescence, and under each pedicel; bracteoles are usually two, one on each side, on the pedicel or close under the flower, or even upon the calyx itself; but bracts are also frequently scattered along the branches without axillary pedicels; and when the differences between the bracts and bracteoles are trifling or immaterial, they are usually all called bracts.

When three bracts appear to proceed from the same point, they will, on examination, be found to be really one bract and its two stipules; or, if immediately under a flower or pedicel, one bract and two bracteoles in its axil.

When two bracts appear to proceed from the same point they will usually be found to be the stipules of an undeveloped bract, unless the branches of the inflorescence are opposite, when the bracts will of course be opposite also.

When several bracts are collected in a whorl, or are so close together as to appear whorled, or are closely imbricated round the base of a head or umbel, they are collectively called an *Involucre*. The bracts composing an involucre are described under the name of *leaves*, *leaflets*, *bracts*, or *scales*, according to their appearance. *Phyllaries* is a very useless term, lately introduced, for the bracts or scales of the involucre of Composites.

A *Spatha* is a bract or floral leaf enclosing the inflorescence of some Monocotyledons.

Paleæ, *Pales*, or *Chaff*, are the inner bracts or scales in Compositæ, Grasses, and some other plants, when of a thin yet stiff consistence, usually narrow and of a pale colour.

Glumes are the bracts of Sedges and Grasses.

§ 8. *The Flower in General.*

A *complete* flower is one in which the calyx, corolla, stamens, and pistils are all present; a *perfect* flower, one in which all these organs, or such of them as are present, are capable of performing their several functions.

Therefore, properly speaking, an *incomplete* flower is one in which any one or more of these organs is wanting; and an *imperfect* flower, one in which any one or more of these organs is so altered as to be incapable of properly performing its functions. These imperfect organs are said to be *abortive* if much reduced in size or efficiency, *rudimentary* if so much so as to be scarcely perceptible.

But, in many works, the term *incomplete* is specially applied to those flowers in which the perianth is simple or wanting, and *imperfect* to those in which either the stamens or pistils are imperfect or wanting.

A **Flower** is

dichlamydeous, when the perianth is double.

monochlamydeous, when the perianth is single, whether by the union of the calyx and corolla, or the deficiency of either.

asepalous, when there is no calyx.

apetalous, when there is no corolla.

naked, when there is no perianth at all.

hermaphrodite, when both stamens and pistils are present and perfect.

male, or *staminate*, when there are one or more stamens, but either no pistil at all, or an imperfect one.

female, or *pistillate*, when there are one or more pistils, but either no stamens at all, or only imperfect ones.

neuter, when both stamens and pistils are imperfect or wanting.

barren, or *sterile*, when from any cause it produces no seed.

fertile, when it does produce seed.

In many British Floras the terms *barren*, *fertile*, and *perfect* are used respectively as synonymous of *male*, *female*, and *hermaphrodite*; but even in the same works they are also occasionally used in the more natural sense given above.

The flowers of a plant or species are said collectively to be

unisexual, or *diclinous*, when the flowers are all either male or female.

monœcious, when the male and female flowers are distinct but on the same plant.

diœcious, when the male and female flowers are on distinct plants.

polygamous, when the male, female, and hermaphrodite flowers are variously mixed on the same plant.

A head of flowers is *heterogamous* when male, female, hermaphrodite, and neuter flowers, or some of them, are included in one head; *homogamous*, when all the flowers included in it are alike in this respect. A spike or head of flowers is *androgynous* when male and female flowers are mixed in it. These terms are only used in the case of very few families.

As the scales of buds are leaves undeveloped or reduced in size, shape, and consistence, and bracts are leaves likewise reduced in size, and occasionally altered in colour; so the parts of the flower are considered as leaves still further altered in shape, colour, and arrangement round the axis, and often more or less combined with each other. The details of this theory constitute the comparatively modern branch of botany called *Vegetable Meta-*

morphosis or *Homology* (sometimes improperly called *Morphology*), the consideration of which is however foreign to our present purpose.

To understand the arrangement of the floral parts, let us take a *complete* flower, in which moreover all the parts are *free* from each other, *definite* in number, *i. e.* always the same in the same species, and *symmetrical* or *isomerous*, *i. e.* when each whorl consists of the same number of parts.

Such a complete symmetrical flower consists of either four or five whorls of altered leaves placed immediately one within the other.

The **Calyx** forms the outer whorl. Its parts are called *sepals*.

The **Corolla** forms the next whorl. Its parts, called *petals*, usually *alternate* with the sepals; that is to say, the centre of each petal is immediately over the interval between two sepals.

The **Stamens** form one or two whorls within the petals. If two, those of the outer whorl (the *outer stamens*) alternate with the petals, and are consequently opposite to, or over the centre of the sepals; those of the inner whorl (the *inner stamens*) alternate with the outer ones, and are therefore opposite to the petals. If there is only one whorl of stamens, they most frequently alternate with the petals; but sometimes they are opposite the petals and alternate with the sepals.

The **Pistils** form the inner whorl, and usually alternate with the inner row of stamens.

In an axillary or lateral flower the *upper* parts of each whorl (sepals, petals, stamens, or pistils) are those which are next to the main axis of the stem or branch, the *lower* parts those which are furthest from it; the intermediate ones are said to be *lateral*.

The number of parts in each whorl of a flower is expressed adjectively by the following numerals derived from the Greek:

mono-,	di-,	tri-,	tetra-,	penta-,	hexa-,	hepta-,	octo-,	ennea-,	deca-,	etc.,	poly-
1-,	2-,	3-,	4-,	5-,	6-,	7-,	8-,	9-,	10-,		*many-*

prefixed to a termination indicating the particular whorl referred to.

Thus, a **Flower** is

disepalous, *trisepalous*, *tetrasepalous*, *polysepalous*, etc., according as there are two, three, four, or many sepals.

dipetalous, *tripetalous*, *tetrapetalous*, *polypetalous*, etc., according as there are two, three, four, or many petals.

diandrous, *triandrous*, *tetrandrous*, *polyandrous*, etc., according as there are two, three, four, or many stamens.

digynous, *trigynous*, *tetragynous*, *polygynous*, etc., according as there are two, three, four, or many pistils.

And generally, if symmetrical, a flower is

dimerous, *trimerous*, *tetramerous*, *polymerous*, according as there are two, three, four, or many parts to each whorl.

Flowers are *unsymmetrical* or *anisomerous*, strictly speaking, when any one of the whorls has a different number of parts from the other; but when the pistils alone are reduced in number, the flower is still frequently called symmetrical, or isomerous, if the calyx, corolla, and staminal whorls have all the same number of parts.

Flowers are *irregular* when the parts of any one of its whorls are unequal in size, dissimilar in shape, or do not spread regularly round the axis at equal distances. It is however more especially irregularity of the corolla that is referred to in descriptions. A slight inequality in size or direction in the other whorls does not prevent the flower being classed as regular, if the corolla is conspicuous and regular.

§ 9. *The Calyx and Corolla or Perianth.*

The **Calyx** is usually green, and smaller than the corolla; sometimes very minute, rudimentary, or entirely wanting; sometimes very indistinctly whorled, or not whorled at all, or composed of a large number of scpals of which the outer ones pass gradually into bracts, and the inner ones into petals.

The **Corolla** is usually coloured, and of a more delicate texture than the calyx, and, in popular language, is often more specially meant by the *flower* Its petals are more rarely indefinite in number, and the whorl more rarely broken than in the case of the calyx, at least when the plant is in a natural healthy state. What are commonly called *double flowers* are in most cases a kind of monster or deformity, of accidental origin, though more or less permanent in cultivation, in which the ordinary number of petals is multiplied by the conversion of stamens, sepals, or even pistils into petals, by the division of the ordinary petals, or simply by the addition of supernumerary ones. Petals are also sometimes very small, rudimentary, or entirely deficient.

In most cases however the so-called *simple perianth* is one in which the sepals and petals are similar in form and texture, and present apparently a single whorl. Strictly speaking it will be generally found that one half of the parts (called *leaves* or *segments*) of the simple perianth are in fact outside the others, at least in the young bud, and that there is some slight difference in their texture, size, shape, or colour, indicating to the close observer the presence of both calyx and corolla: hence much discrepancy in descriptive works. Where one botanist describes a simple perianth of six segments, another will speak of a double perianth of three sepals and three petals.

In the following terms, the prefixes expressive of the modifications of form of the corolla and its petals are equally applicable to the calyx and its sepals, and to the simple perianth and its segments.

The **Corolla** is said to be *monopetalous* when the petals are united either entirely, or at the base only, into a cup, tube, or ring; *polypetalous* when they are all free from the base. These expressions, established by long usage, are not strictly correct, for *monopetalous* (consisting of a single petal) should apply rather to a corolla really reduced to a single petal, which would then be on one side of the axis; and *polypetalous* is sometimes used more appropriately for a corolla with an indefinite number of petals. Some modern botanists have therefore proposed the term *gamopetalous* for the corolla with united petals, and *dialipetalous* for that with free petals; but the old-established expressions are still the most generally used.

When the petals are partially united, the lower entire portion of the corolla is called the *tube*, whatever be its shape, and the free portions of the petals are called the *teeth*, *lobes*, or *segments*, according as they are short or long in proportion to the whole length of the corolla. When the tube is excessively short, the petals appear at first sight free, but their slight union at the base must be carefully attended to, being of importance in classification.

The **Æstivation** of a corolla is the arrangement of the petals, or of such portion of them as is free, in the unexpanded bud. It is

valvate, when they are strictly whorled in their whole length, their edges being placed against each other without overlapping.

imbricate, when the whorl is more or less broken by some of the petals

being outside the others, or by their overlapping each other at least at the top.

twisted, or *contorted*, when each petal overlaps the adjoining one on one side, and is overlapped by the adjoining one on the other side. Some botanists include the twisted æstivation in the general term *imbricate*, others carefully distinguish the one from the other.

In a few cases the overlapping is so slight that the three æstivations cannot easily be distinguished one from the other; in a few others the æstivation is variable even in the same species, but in general it supplies a constant character in species, in genera, or even in Natural Orders.

In general shape the **Corolla** is

tubular, when the whole or the greater part of it is in the form of a tube or cylinder.

campanulate, when approaching in some measure the shape of a cup or bell.

urceolate, when the tube is cup-shaped, or nearly globular, contracted at the top, and slightly expanded again in a narrow rim.

rotate, or *stellate*, when the petals or lobes are spread out horizontally from the base (or nearly so) like a wheel or star.

hypocrateriform, or *salver-shaped*, when the lower part is cylindrical, and the upper portion expanded horizontally. In this case the name of *tube* is restricted to the cylindrical part, and the horizontal portion is called the *limb*, whether it be divided to the base or not.

infundibuliform, or *funnel-shaped*, when the tube is cylindrical at the base, but enlarged at the top into a more or less campanulate limb, of which the lobes often spread horizontally. In this case, the campanulate part, up to the commencement of the lobes, is sometimes considered as a portion of the tube, sometimes as a portion of the limb, and by some botanists again described as independent of either, under the name of *throat (fauces)*. Generally speaking, however, in campanulate, infundibuliform, or other corollas, where the lower entire part passes gradually into the upper divided and more spreading part, the distinction between the *tube* and the *limb* is drawn either at the point where the lobes separate, or at the part where the corolla first expands, according to which is the most marked.

The upper orifice of the tube is often called its *mouth* or its *throat*.

Irregular corollas have received various names, according to the more familiar forms they have been compared to. Some of the most important are the

bilabiate, or *two-lipped* corolla, when in a four- or five-lobed corolla the two or three upper lobes, or the two or three lower lobes, are closer placed or more united together than they are with the three or two lower or upper ones, as the case may be.

personate, when two-lipped, and the orifice of the tube closed by a projection from the base of the upper or lower lip, called a *palate*.

ringent, when very strongly two-lipped, and the orifice of the tube very open.

spurred, when the tube or lower part of a petal has a conical hollow projection, compared to the spur of a cock.

The above terms are more especially applied to the shape of monopetalous corollas, but most of them are also applicable to those in which the petals are free.

Terms applied to forms of corolla peculiar to Pea-flowering plants, Composites, and other Natural Orders, will be explained under the respective Orders.

Most of the terms used for describing the forms of leaves are also applicable to those of individual petals: but the flat expanded portion of a petal, corresponding to the blade of the leaf, is called its *lamina*, and the stalk, corresponding to the petiole, its *claw (unguis)*.

§ 10. *The Stamens.*

Although in a few cases the outer stamens may gradually pass into petals, yet, in general, **Stamens** are very different in shape and aspect from leaves, sepals, or petals. It is only in a theoretical point of view (not the less important in the study of the physiological economy of the plant) that they can be called altered leaves.

Their usual form is a stalk called the *filament*, bearing at the top an *anther* divided into two pouches or *cells*. These cells are filled with *pollen*, consisting of minute grains, usually forming a yellow dust, which is scattered, when the flower expands, from an opening in each cell, in the form of a *slit* or a *pore*. When the two cells are not closely contiguous, the portion of the anther which unites them is called the *connectivum*.

The filament is often wanting, and the anther sessile, yet still perfect; but if the anther, which is the essential part of the stamen, is wanting, or does not contain any pollen, the stamen is imperfect, and is more especially said to be *barren*, *abortive*, or *rudimentary* (see above, p. 12), according to the degree to which the imperfection is carried. Imperfect stamens are often termed *staminodia*.

In unsymmetrical flowers, the stamens of each whorl are sometimes reduced in number below that of the petals, even to a single one, and in several Natural Orders or genera they are multiplied indefinitely.

The terms *monandrous* and *polyandrous* are restricted to flowers which have really but one stamen, or an indefinite number respectively. Where the stamens are united into one, the flower is said to be *synandrous*.

Stamens are

monadelphous, when united by their filaments into one cluster. This cluster either forms a tube round the pistil, or, if the pistil is wanting, occupies the centre of the flower.

diadelphous, when so united into two clusters. The term is more particularly applied to certain *Leguminosæ*, in which nine stamens are united by their filaments into a tube split open on the upper side, and a tenth, placed in the slit, is free.

triadelphous, *pentadelphous*, and *polyadelphous*, when so united into three, five, or several clusters.

syngenesious, when united by their anthers in a ring round the pistil, the filaments usually remaining free.

didynamous, when (usually in a bilabiate flower) there are four stamens in two pairs, those of one pair longer than those of the other.

tetradynamous, when (in *Crucifers*) there are six, four of them longer than the two others.

An **Anther** is

adnate, when continuous with the filament, the anther-cells appearing to lie their whole length along the upper part of the filament.

versatile, when attached by their back to the very point of the filament, so as to swing loosely.

innate, when firmly attached to the filament, and yet not entirely adnate.

Anther-cells may be *parallel*, or *diverging* at a less or greater angle; or

divaricate, when placed end to end, so as to form one straight line. The end of each anther-cell placed nearest to the other cell is generally called its *apex* or *summit*, and the other end its *base*, although in some works the sense of these terms is reversed.

Anthers have often on their connectivum or cells, appendages termed *bristles* (setæ), *spurs*, *crests*; *points*, *glands*, etc., according to their appearance.

Anthers have occasionally only one cell: this may take place either when the cells are closely contiguous at their upper ends, and the partition separating them is wanting or disappears, when the cells are said to be *confluent;* or by the abortion or total deficiency of one cell, when the anther is said to be *dimidiate*.

Anthers will open to let out the pollen, like capsules, in *valves*, *pores*, or *slits*.

Pollen is not always in the form of dust. The whole of the pollen of each anther-cell sometimes is collected into one or two little wax-like masses. The terms used in describing the forms of these masses, or of the grains of pollen, are either in common use, or explained under other heads.

§ 11. *The Pistils.*

Pistils, although they may occasionally assume rather more than stamens the appearance and colour of leaves, are still more different in shape and structure.

They are usually sessile. If stalked, their stalk is called a *podocarp*. This stalk, upon which each separate pistil is supported above the receptacle, must not be confounded with the apparent stalk, upon which all the pistils of a flower are sometimes raised above the calyx and petals, which is usually an elongation of the receptacle. (See below, p. 21.)

They consist of three parts:

1, the **Ovary,** or enlarged base, which includes a cavity or *cell*, containing one or more small bodies called *ovules*. These are the earliest condition of the future seeds.

2, the **Style,** proceeding from the summit or near the summit of the ovary, and supporting—

3, the **Stigma,** which forms sometimes a small head at the point of the style or top of the ovary, or is sometimes merely the point of the style or a portion of its surface, distinguished by a looser texture, covered with minute protuberances, called *papillæ*.

The style is often wanting, and the stigma is then sessile on the ovary, but in the perfect pistil there is always at least one ovule in the ovary, and some portion of stigmatic surface. Without these the pistil is imperfect, and said to be *barren*, *abortive*, or *rudimentary*, according to the degree of imperfection.

The ovary being the essential part of the pistil, most of the terms relating to the number, arrangement, etc., of the pistils, apply specially to the ovary. In general the word *ovary* is used to designate all the ovaries of a flower, especially if they are at all united. When the word *ovary* is thus generally used, each separate ovary is called a *carpel*.

The number of carpels or ovaries in a flower is frequently reduced below that of the parts of the other floral whorls, even in flowers otherwise symmetrical. The carpels or ovaries are more numerous than the petals, or indefinite, in a small number only of genera. They are in that case either arranged in a single whorl, or form a head or spike in the centre of the flower.

The terms *monogynous* and *polygynous* (with one or many pistils), are vaguely used, applying sometimes to the whole pistil, sometimes to the carpels or ovaries alone, sometimes to the styles or stigmas only. Where a more precise nomenclature is adopted, the flower is

monocarpellary, when there is a single simple carpel.

bi-, *tri-*, etc., to *poly-carpellary*, when the ovary consists of two, three, etc., or an indefinite number of carpels, whether separate or united.

syncarpous, when the ovaries or carpels are united into one *compound* ovary.

apocarpous, when the ovaries or carpels are all free and distinct.

A compound ovary is

unilocular, or *one-celled*, when there are no partitions between the ovules, or when these partitions do not meet so as to divide the ovary into several cells.

plurilocular, or *several-celled*, when completely divided into two or more cells by partitions, called *dissepiments*, usually vertical, radiating from the centre or *axis* of the ovary to its circumference.

bi-, *tri-*, *quadri-*, etc., to *multi-locular*, according to the number of these cells, two, three, four, etc., or many.

In general the number of cells or of dissepiments, complete or partial, or of rows of ovules, corresponds with that of the carpels of which the ovary is composed. But sometimes each carpel is divided completely or partially into two cells, or has two rows of ovules, so that the number of carpels appears double what it really is. Sometimes again the carpels are so completely combined as to form a single cell, with a single ovule, although it really consist of several carpels. But in these cases the ovary is usually described as it appears, as well as such as it is theoretically supposed to be.

In apocarpous flowers the styles are usually free, each bearing its own stigma. Very rarely the greater part of the styles, or the stigmas alone, are united, whilst the carpels remain distinct.

Syncarpous flowers are said to have

several styles, when the styles are free from the base.

one style, with several branches, when the styles are connected at the base, but separate below the point where the stigmas or stigmatic surfaces commence.

one simple style, with several stigmas, when united up to the point where the stigmas or stigmatic surfaces commence, and then separating.

one simple style, with a branched, lobed, toothed, notched, or entire stigma (as the case may be), when the stigmas also are more or less united.

In many works however this precise nomenclature is not strictly adhered to, and considerable confusion is sometimes the result.

In general the number of styles, or branches of the style or stigmas, is the same as that of the carpels, but sometimes that number is doubled, especially in the stigmas, and sometimes the stigmas are dichotomously or pinnately branched or *penicillate*, that is, divided into a tuft of hair-like branches.

All these variations sometimes make it a difficult task to determine the number of carpels forming a compound ovary, but the point is of considerable importance in fixing the affinities of plants, and, by careful consideration, the real as well as the apparent number has now in most cases been agreed upon.

An entire stigma is said to be *punctiform* when it appears like the mere point of the style, *capitate* when globular like the head of a pin.

The *placenta* is the part of the inside of the ovary to which the ovules are attached, sometimes a mere point or line on the inner surface, often more or less thickened or raised. *Placentation* therefore is the indication of the part of the ovary to which the ovules are attached.

Placentas are

axile, when the ovules are attached to the axis or centre, that is: in plurilocular ovaries, when they are attached to the inner angle of each cell; in unilocular simple ovaries (which have almost always an excentrical stylo or stigma), when the ovules are attached to that side of the ovary nearest to the style; in unilocular compound ovaries, when the ovules are attached to a central axis or column rising up from the base of the cavity, and either free at the top, or attached also to the summit of the cavity.

parietal, when the ovules are attached to the inner surface of the cavity of a one-celled compound ovary. Parietal placentæ are usually slightly thickened or raised lines, sometimes broad surfaces nearly covering the inner surface of the cavity, sometimes projecting far into the cavity, and constituting partial dissepiments, or even meeting in the centre, but without cohering there. In the latter case the distinction between the one-celled and the several-celled ovary is not always very clear.

When there are but one or two ovules in each cell or in the ovary, they may be *pendulous* either from the top of the ovary, or from a central erect column, or more frequently from one side near the top; or they may be *horizontally attached* to one side, or *erect* from the base. If there are two, they may be moreover *collateral*, if placed side by side, or more rarely *superposed* one above the other.

§ 12. *The Receptacle and relative attachment of the Floral Whorls.*

The **Receptacle** is the extremity of the peduncle (above the calyx), upon which the corolla, stamens, and ovary, are inserted. It is sometimes little more than a mere point or minute hemisphere, but it is often also more or less elongated, thickened, or otherwise enlarged.

(The term *Receptacle* is extended also to the summit of a branch or inflorescence on which the flowers of a head are inserted, but we here refer only to the receptacle of a distinct flower.)

A *Disk* is a circular enlargement of the receptacle, usually in the form of a cup (*cupular*), of a flat disk or quoit, or of a cushion (*pulvinate*). It is most frequently immediately under the ovary, within the stamens, sometimes between the petals and stamens, sometimes bearing the petals or stamens, or both, at its circumference, sometimes quite at the extremity of the receptacle, with the ovaries arranged in a ring round it, or under it.

The disk may be entire, or toothed, or lobed, or divided into a number of parts, usually equal to or twice that of the stamens or carpels. When the parts of the disk are quite distinct and short, they are often called *glands*.

Nectaries are either the disk, or small deformed petals or stamens, or small appendages at the base of the petals or stamens, or any small bodies within the flower which do not look like petals, stamens, or ovaries. They were formerly supposed to supply bees with their honey, and the term is frequently to be met with in the older Floras, but it is now deservedly going out of use.

When the disk bears the petals and stamens, it is frequently adherent to, and apparently forms part of the tube of the calyx, or it is adherent to, and apparently forms part of the outside of the ovary, or of both calyx-tube,

and ovary. Hence the three following important distinctions in the relative insertion of the floral whorls.

Petals, or, as it is frequently expressed, flowers, are

hypogynous (*i.e.* under the ovary), when they or the disk that bears them are entirely free both from the calyx and the ovary. The ovary is then described as *free* or *superior*, the calyx as *free* or *inferior*, the petals as being *inserted on the receptacle.*

perigynous (*i.e.* round the ovary), when the disk bearing the petals is quite free from the ovary, but is combined with the base of the calyx-tube. The ovary is then still described as *free* or *superior*, even though the combined disk and base of the calyx-tube may form a deep cup with the ovary lying in the bottom ; the calyx is said to be *free* or *inferior*, and the petals are described as *inserted on the calyx.*

epigynous (*i.e.* upon the ovary), when the disk bearing the petals is combined both with the base of the calyx-tube and the outside of the ovary ; either closing over the ovary so as only to leave a passage for the style, or leaving more or less of the top of the ovary free, but always adhering to it above the level of the insertion of the lowest ovule (except in a very few cases where the ovules are absolutely suspended from the top of the ovary). In epigynous flowers the ovary is described as *adherent* or *inferior*, the calyx as *adherent* or *superior*, the petals as *inserted on or above the ovary.* In some works, however, most epigynous flowers are included in the perigynous ones, and a very different meaning is given to the term *epigynous* (for which see below, p. 21), and there are a few cases where no positive distinction can be drawn between the epigynous and perigynous, or again between the perigynous and hypogynous flowers.

An inferior or adherent ovary (or its inferior or adherent portion) has usually the appearance of a mere cavity in the somewhat enlarged summit of the peduncle below the calyx and petals. And some modern botanists propose to describe the lower part of the calyx, with the adherent petal-bearing disk, in perigynous as well as epigynous flowers, as *an enlargement of the peduncle, bearing, at the circumference or at the top, the calyx, petals, and stamens, and, in the centre or withinside, the ovary.* As the only difference between the peduncle and its enlargements on the one side, and the receptacle and its disks on the other, is that the former bears the bracts and calyx and the latter the rest of the flower, an *enlarged summit of the peduncle* and a *disk* are morphologically the same thing. This proposed mode of describing may be theoretically more correct, but the theory of adherence explained above is the most usually adopted in our Floras.

When there are no petals it is the insertion of the stamens that determines the difference between the hypogynous, perigynous, and epigynous flowers.

When there are both petals and stamens,

in hypogynous flowers the petals and stamens are usually free from each other, but sometimes they are combined at the base. In that case, if the petals are distinct from each other, and the stamens are monadelphous, the petals are often said to be *inserted* on or *combined with the staminal tube ;* if the corolla is gamopetalous and the stamens distinct from each other, the latter are said to be *inserted in the tube of the corolla.*

in perigynous flowers the stamens are usually inserted immediately within the petals, or alternating with them on the edge of the disk, but occasionally much lower down within the disk, or even on the unenlarged part of the receptacle.

in epigynous flowers, when the petals are distinct, the stamens are

usually inserted as in perigynous flowers; when the corolla is gamopetalous, the stamens are often combined at the base with the tube of the corolla, or, as it is more frequently expressed, inserted in the tube.

When the receptacle is distinctly elongated below the ovary, it is often called a *gynobasis* or *stalk of the ovary*. If the elongation takes place below the stamens or below the petals, these stamens or petals are then said to be *inserted on the stalk of the ovary*, and are occasionally, but falsely, described as *epigynous*. Really epigynous stamens (*i. e.* when the filaments are combined with the ovary) are very rare, unless the rest of the flower is epigynous.

An *epigynous disk* is a name given either to the thickened summit of the ovary in epigynous flowers, or very rarely to a real disk or enlargement of the receptacle closing over the ovary.

§ 13. *The Fruit.*

The **Fruit** consists of the ovary and whatever other parts of the flower persist at the time the seed is ripe, usually enlarged, and more or less altered in shape and consistence. It encloses or covers the seed or seeds till the period of maturity, when it either opens for the seed to escape or falls to the ground with the seed.

Fruits are, in elementary works, said to be *simple* when the result of a single flower, *compound* when they proceed from several flowers closely packed or combined in a head. This terminology, if generally used, might lead to some confusion, for the fruit resulting from a single flower with several distinct carpels, is compound in the sense in which that term is applied to the ovary. But in descriptive botany a fruit is always supposed to result from a single flower unless the contrary be stated.

In compound fruits (the result of several flowers) the involucre or bracts often persist and form part of the fruit, but very seldom so in single fruits.

The adherent part of the calyx of epigynous flowers always persists and forms part of the fruit; the free part of the calyx of epigynous flowers, or the calyx of perigynous flowers, either persists entirely at the top of the fruit, or the lobes alone fall off, or the lobes fall off with whatever part of the tube is above the insertion of the petals, or the whole of what is free from the ovary, including the disk bearing the petals. The calyx of hypogynous flowers usually falls off entirely or persists entirely. In general a calyx is called *deciduous* if any part falls off. When it persists it is either enlarged round or under the fruit, or it withers and dries up.

The corolla usually falls off entirely; when it persists it is usually withered and dry, or very seldom enlarges round the fruit.

The stamens either fall off, or more or less of their filaments persist, usually withered and dry.

The style and stigma sometimes fall off, or dry up and disappear, sometimes persist, forming a point to the fruit; sometimes become enlarged into a wing or other appendage to the fruit.

The *pericarp* is the portion of the fruit formed of the ovary, and whatever adheres to it exclusive of and outside of the seed or seeds, exclusive also of the persistent receptacle, or of whatever portion of the calyx persists round the ovary without adhering to it.

Fruits are generally divided into *succulent* (including *fleshy*, *pulpy*, and *juicy* fruits) and *dry*.

They are

dehiscent, when they open at maturity to let out the seeds.

indehiscent, when they do not open spontaneously, but fall off with the seeds.

Succulent fruits are almost always indehiscent. Their principal kinds are

the *Berry*, in which the whole substance of the pericarp is fleshy or pulpy, with the exception of the outer skin or rind, called the *Epicarp*. The seeds themselves are usually immersed in the pulp, although in some berries the seeds are separated from the pulp by the walls of the cavity or cells of the ovary, which form, as it were, an inner skin or rind called the *Endocarp*.

the *Drupe*, in which the pericarp, when ripe, consists of two distinct portions, an outer succulent one called the *Sarcocarp* (covered like the berry by a skin or epicarp), and an inner dry endocarp called the *Putamen*, which is either *cartilaginous* (of the consistence of parchment) or hard and woody. In the latter case it is commonly called a *stone*, and the drupe a *stonefruit*.

Among dry fruits the principal kinds are

the *Capsule*, or *Pod*,* a dry fruit, which is dehiscent. When ripe it usually splits longitudinally into as many or twice as many pieces, called *valves*, as it contains cells or placentæ. Sometimes it discharges its seeds by *slits*, *chinks*, or *pores*, more or less regularly arranged. Sometimes it bursts irregularly, or separates into two parts by a horizontal line. The dehiscence is *septicidal* when the capsule opens by slits opposite the dissepiments (or partitions), *loculicidal* when the slits or openings are opposite the centre of the cells.

the *Nut*, or *Achene*, which is indehiscent, and contains but a single seed. When the pericarp is thin in proportion to the seed it encloses, the whole fruit has the appearance of a seed, and is so called in popular language. When the pericarp of a nut is hard, it is popularly called the *shell*, and the seed the *kernel*. But the name of *kernel* is also given to the seed of a stone-fruit, and the *shell* is more properly restricted to a part of the seed itself.

As to their shape, **Fruits, Seeds, Tubers,** or other parts of plants not flattened like leaves, are

setaceous, or *capillary*, when very slender, like hairs.

subulate, when rather thicker and firmer, compared to an awl.

linear, when at least four times as long as thick.

oblong, when from about two to about four times as long as thick; the above terms being the same as those applied to flat surfaces.

ovoid, when egg-shaped, with the broad end downwards; *obovoid*, if the broad end is upwards. These terms correspond to the *ovate* and *obovate* shapes of flat surfaces.

globular, or *sphærical*, when corresponding to *orbicular* in a flat surface. *Round* applies to both.

conical, when tapering upwards, *obconical* when tapering downwards, if, in both cases, a transverse section shows a circle.

pyramidal, when tapering upwards, *obpyramidal* when tapering downwards, if, in both cases, a transverse section is angular, showing a triangle or polygon.

cylindrical, when not perceptibly tapering.

terete, when the transverse section is not angular.

articulate, or *jointed*, if they separate when ripe, without tearing, into two or more pieces placed end to end. The joints where they separate are

* In English descriptions *pod* is more frequently used when it is long and narrow, or thin, *capsule* when short and thick.

called *articulations*, each separate piece an *article*. The name of *joint* is in common language given both to the articulation and the article, but more especially to the former. Some modern botanists however propose to restrict it to the article, giving the name of *joining* to the articulation.

Fruits have often external appendages, either formed by persistent parts of the flower more or less altered, or which grow out of the ovary or of the adherent part of the calyx. If these appendages are thin and flat, they are called *wings*. A *Samara* is an achene or nut, with a wing at its upper end. If the appendage be a ring of hairs or scales at the top of the fruit, it is called a *pappus*.

Where a flower has several distinct ovaries or carpels, these several carpels will often become as many distinct berries, drupes, capsules, or achenes, as the case may be, inserted on the common receptacle, and forming one fruit. The receptacle may remain dry and small, or become enlarged and succulent. If, when ripe, it falls off with the carpels, it is considered as forming part of the fruit. When a fruit consists of several distinct one-seeded capsules, each capsule is called a *coccus*. Sometimes the cells of a single compound ovary will separate, when ripe, into as many distinct cocci.

The peculiar fruits of some of the large Orders have received distinct names, which will be explained under each Order. Such are the *siliqua* and *silicule* of Crucifers, the *legume* of Pea-flowers, the *pome* of Pyrus and allied genera, the *pepo* of the Gourd family, the *follicle* of the Periwinkle and Asclepias families, the *cone* of Conifers, the *grain* or *caryopsis* of Grasses, etc.

§ 14. *The Seed.*

The real **Seed** is always enclosed in the pericarp, except in Conifers. It contains, when ripe, an *embryo* or young plant, either lying within the shell or skin of the seed, and filling, or nearly filling, the cavity (but not attached to it), or more or less immersed in a mealy, oily, fleshy, or horn-like substance, called the *albumen*. The presence or absence of this albumen, that is, the distinction between *albuminous* and *exalbuminous* (or *not albuminous*) seeds is one of great importance. The embryo and albumen can often only be found or distinguished when the seed is quite ripe, or sometimes only when it begins to germinate.

The shell of the seed consists usually of two separable *coats*. The outer coat, called the *testa*, is usually the principal one, and in most cases the only one attended to in descriptions. It may be hard and *crustaceous*, or thin and *membranous* (skin-like), dry, or rarely succulent. It is occasionally expanded into *wings*, or sometimes bears a tuft of hair, cotton, or wool, called a *coma*.

The *funicle* is the stalk by which the seed is attached to the placenta. It is occasionally enlarged into a membranous, pulpy, or fleshy appendage sometimes spreading over a considerable part of the seed, or nearly enclosing it, called an *aril*. A *strophiole* or *caruncle* is a similar appendage proceeding from the testa.

The *hilum* is the scar left on the seed where it separates from the funicle.

The *perisperm* is a name given by botanists to the albumen. By analogy with pericarp, it would be better applied to the shell of the seed.

The **Embryo** consists of the *radicle*, or future root, one or two *cotyledons*, or future seed-leaves, and the *plumula*, or future bud at the base of the cotyledons. In some seeds, especially when there is no albumen, these several parts are very conspicuous; in others they are very difficult to dis-

tinguish; and in some cases the whole embryo will elude the most careful search until the seeds begin to germinate.

Although the embryo lies loose within the seed, it is generally in some determinate position with respect to the seed or to the whole fruit. This position is described by stating the direction of the *radicle*, which is said to be

superior, if pointing towards the summit of the *fruit*.
inferior, if pointing towards the base of the *fruit*.
next the hilum, if pointing towards the hilum, or base of the *seed*.

§ 15. *Accessory Organs.*

Under this name are included, in many elementary works, various external parts of plants which do not appear to act any essential part either in the vegetation or reproduction of the plant. They may be classed under four heads, *Tendrils* and *Hooks*, *Thorns* and *Prickles*, *Hairs*, and *Glands*.

Tendrils are usually abortive petioles, or abortive peduncles, or sometimes abortive ends of branches. They are simple, or more frequently branched, flexible, and coil more or less firmly round any objects within their reach in order to support the plant to which they belong. *Hooks* are the same thing, only of a firmer consistence, not branched, and only hooked at the extremity.

Thorns and *Prickles* have been fancifully called the weapons of plants. A *Thorn* is the strongly pointed extremity of a branch, or abortive petiole, or abortive peduncle. A *Prickle* is a sharply pointed excrescence from the *epidermis*, or skin, and is usually produced on a branch, on the petiole, or veins of a leaf, or on a peduncle. When the vein of a leaf projects beyond the margin with a sharp point, it is called also a *prickle*, not a *thorn*. A plant is *spinous* if it has thorns, *aculeate* if it has prickles.

Hairs, in the general sense, or the *indumentum* (or clothing) of a plant include all those productions of the epidermis which have, by a more or less appropriate comparison, been termed *bristles*, *hairs*, *down*, *cotton*, or *wool*. They appear sometimes to afford some kind of protection against meteorological vicissitudes, occasionally to assist in the dispersion of pollen, but, generally speaking, to have no very evident use.

The epidermis, or the surface of an organ, is

smooth, when without any protuberance whatever.

glabrous, when without any hairs of any kind.

striate, when marked with parallel longitudinal lines, either slightly raised, or merely discoloured.

furrowed, or *ribbed*, when the parallel lines are more distinctly raised.

viscous, *viscid*, or *glutinous*, when covered with a sticky or clammy exudation.

tuberculate, or *warted*, when covered with minute protuberances, compared to warts.

muricate, when the protuberances are more raised and pointed, yet not slender enough to be called bristles, nor large enough to be called prickles.

setose, or *bristly*, when bearing stiff erect hairs.

glandular-setose, when the setæ or bristles terminate in a minute resinous head or drop. Those who specially study roses and brambles, limit, in that case, the meaning of *setæ* to such as are glandular.

glochidiate, when the setæ are hooked at the top.

pilose, when the surface is thinly scattered with rather long simple hairs.

hispid, when more thickly covered with rather stiff hairs.

hirsute, when the hairs are dense and not so stiff.

downy, or *pubescent*, when the hairs are short and soft.

strigose, when the hairs are rather short and stiff, and lie close along the surface, all in the same direction.

tomentose, or *cottony*, when the hairs are very short, rather dense, and more or less intricate, usually white.

woolly, when the hairs are loosely intricate and long, compared to wool.

mealy, or *farinose*, when the hairs are excessively short, intricate, and white, and come off readily, having the appearance of meal.

canescent, or *hoary*, when the hairs are so short as not readily to be distinguished separately by the naked eye, and yet give a general whitish hue to the epidermis.

glaucous, when of a pale bluish-green, often covered with a fine bloom.

Hairs are often branched. If forked from the base, and the forks spread along the surface in opposite directions, the hairs are said to be *attached by the centre*. If several branches radiate horizontally from the base, the hairs are said to be *stellate*. These stellate hairs are sometimes connected together into little flat circular disks attached by the centre. These are called *scales*, and the surface said to be *scaly* or *lepidote*, in a very different sense to that of the *scales* (or *squamæ*) defined above (p. 9) as reduced leaves.

The sense here attached to the terms expressive of the different kinds of hairiness is in each case that which appears to be the most generally adopted, but it is often very vague. Different botanists will often use very different terms to express the same kind of hairiness. This is especially the case with the terms *pilose*, *hispid*, *hirsute*, *pubescent*, and *tomentose*. Hairiness is however so very variable a character in most plants, that some vagueness cannot be avoided, and is of comparatively little consequence.

The name of *Glands* is given to several different productions, and principally to the four following :—

1. Small wart-like or shield-shaped bodies, either sessile or sometimes stalked, of a fungous or somewhat fleshy consistence, occasionally secreting a small quantity of oily or resinous matter, but more frequently dry. They are generally few in number, often definite in their position and form, and occur chiefly on the petiole or principal veins of leaves, on the branches of inflorescences, or on the stalks or principal veins of bracts, sepals, and petals.

2. Minute raised dots, usually black, red, or dark-coloured, of a resinous or oily nature, always superficial and apparently exudations from the epidermis. They are often very numerous on leaves, bracts, sepals, and green branches, and occur even on petals and stamens, more rarely on pistils. When raised upon slender stalks they are called *pedicellate glands* or *glandular hairs*, according to the thickness of the stalk.

3. Small globular oblong or even linear vesicles filled with oil, imbedded in the substance itself of leaves, bracts, floral organs, or fruits. They are often very numerous, like transparent dots, sometimes few and determinate in form and position. In the pericarp of Umbelliferæ they are remarkably regular and conspicuous, and take the name of *vittæ*.

4. Lobes of the disk or other small fleshy excrescences within the flower, whether from the receptacle, calyx, corolla, stamens, or pistils.

II. Classification.

It has been said above that descriptions of plants should, as near as possible, be arranged under natural divisions, so as to facilitate the comparison of each plant with those nearest allied to it.

The descriptions of plants here alluded to are descriptions of *species*, the *natural divisions* of the Flora refer to natural *groups of species*.

A **Species** comprises all the individual plants which resemble each other sufficiently to make us conclude that they are all, or may have been all, descended from a common parent. These individuals may often differ from each other in many striking particulars, such as colour of the flower, size of the leaf, etc., but these particulars are such as experience teaches us are liable to vary in the seedlings raised from one individual.

When a large number of individuals of a species differ from the others in any striking particular, they constitute a *variety*. If the variety generally comes true from seed it is often called a *race*.

A **Variety** can only be propagated with certainty by grafts, cuttings, bulbs, tubers, or any other method which produces a new plant by the development of one or more buds taken from the old one. A *race* may with care be propagated by seed, although seedlings will always be liable, under certain circumstances, to lose those particulars which distinguished it from the rest of the species. A real *species* will always come true from seed.

The known species of plants (now near 100,000) are far too numerous for the human mind to study without classification, or even to give distinct individual names to. To facilitate these objects, an admirable system, invented by Linnæus, has been universally adopted, viz. one common substantive name is given to a number of species which resemble each other more than they do any other species; the species so collected under one name are collectively called a **Genus,** the common name being the *generic* name. Each species is then distinguished from the others of the same genus by the addition of an adjective epithet or *specific name*. Every species has thus a botanical name of two words. In Latin, the language usually used for the purpose, the first word is a substantive, and designates the genus; the second, an adjective, indicates the species. In English, the adjective specific name comes before the substantive or generic one.

The genera thus formed being still too numerous for study without further arrangement, they have been classed upon the same principles, viz. genera which resemble each other more than they do any other genus, have been collected together into groups of a higher degree, called **Families** or *Natural Orders*, to each of which a common name has been given. This is however for the purpose of study and comparison. To speak of a species, to refer to it and identify it, all that is necessary to give is the generic and specific name.

The name of a family in Latin is an adjective plural, usually taken from the name of some one *typical* genus, supposed to be the best known or the most marked. Such names can only be translated into English by the addition of the word *plants* to a plural adjective, or by using the name of the typical genus as an adjective added to the word family or Order. Thus *Ranunculaceæ* is the Latin name of the family of which *Ranunculus* is the typical genus. In English we would render it by the *Ranunculus family* (or *Order*) or *Ranunculaceous Plants*.

The number of species included in a genus, or the number of genera in a

family, is very variable. Sometimes two or three, or even a single species, may be so different from all others, as to constitute the entire genus; in other cases several hundred species may resemble each other so much as to be all included in one genus, and there is the same discrepancy in the number of genera to each family.

Those particulars in which all the individuals of a species resemble each other, and by which they differ from all other species, are called *characters* of the species; they altogether form the *specific character* of a plant. So also those particulars in which all the species of a genus resemble each other, and by which they differ from all other genera, are *characters* of the genus, and collectively the *generic character* of the plant.

Families themselves are often in the same manner collected into **Classes**, and where families contain a large number of Genera, or Genera a large number of species, they require further classification. The genera of a family are collected into minor groups, called *Tribes*, the species of a genus into *Sections*, and in a few cases, this intermediate classification is carried still further. The names of these several groups, the most generally adopted, are as follows, beginning with the largest, commonly called the highest:—

Classes.
Subclasses or *Alliances.*
Families or **Natural Orders.**
Suborders.
Tribes.
Subtribes.
Divisions.
Subdivisions.
Genera.
Subgenera.
Sections.
Subsections.
Species.
Varieties.

Classes, Families, Genera, and their several subdivisions, are called *natural*, when, in forming them, all resemblances and differences are taken into account, valuing them according to their evident or presumed importance; *artificial*, when resemblances and differences in some one or very few particulars only are taken into account independently of all others.

There is unfortunately, in a number of instances, great difference of opinion as to whether certain plants differing from each other in certain particulars, are varieties of one species, or belong to distinct species; and again, whether two or more groups of species should constitute as many sections of one genus, or distinct genera, or tribes of one family, or even distinct families. In the former case, as a species is supposed to have a real existence in nature, the question is susceptible of argument, and sometimes of absolute proof. But the place a group should occupy in the scale of degree is very arbitrary, being a mere question of convenience. The more subdivisions upon correct principles are multiplied, the more they facilitate the study of plants, provided always the main resting-points for constant use, the family and the genus, are comprehensive and distinct. But if every group into which a genus can be divided is erected into a distinct genus, with a substantive name, to be remembered whenever a species is spoken of, all the advantages derived from the beautiful simplicity of the Linnean nomenclature are gone.

III. Collection, Preservation, and Examination of Plants.

Plants can undoubtedly be the most easily and satisfactorily examined and determined in the field, where abundance of complete specimens are at hand. But time and other circumstances will rarely admit of this being done during a walk or an excursion, besides that it is often desirable to verify or assist the determination by comparison with other plants already preserved and named.

A **Specimen** must therefore be gathered for examination at home. The facility of this subsequent examination and determination will depend much on the way in which the specimen is selected and preserved.

It must be in full flower, and if possible, in fruit also. If both flower and fruit are not to be had, care should be taken to select one in as early a stage of flowering, and another in as late a stage, as can be found.

If the plant is a small one, the specimen should be the whole plant, including a portion of the root.

If it be too large to preserve the whole, a good flowering branch should be selected, with the foliage as low down as can be gathered with it; and one or two of the lower stem-leaves or radical leaves, if any, should be added.

The specimens should be taken from a healthy uninjured plant, of a medium size. Or if a specimen be gathered because it looks a little different from the majority of those around it, apparently belonging to the same species, a specimen of the more prevalent form should be taken from the same locality for comparison.

If the specimen brought home be not immediately determined whilst fresh, but dried for future examination, a note should be taken of the time, place, and situation in which it was gathered; of the stature, habit, and other particulars relating to any tree, shrub, or other plant of which the specimen is only a portion; of the kind of root it has; of the colour of the flower; any particulars of thickness, consistence, etc.; or any other information which the specimen itself cannot supply, or which may be lost in the process of drying. These memoranda, whether taken down in the field, or from the living specimen when brought home, should be written on a label attached to or preserved with the specimen.

To *dry* specimens, they are laid flat between several sheets of bibulous paper, and placed under a weight, or otherwise subjected to pressure. The paper is subsequently changed at intervals, until they are dry.

In laying out the specimen, care should be taken to preserve the natural position of the parts as far as consistent with the laying flat. In general, if the specimen is quite fresh, it may be simply laid on the lower sheet, holding it by the stalk, and drawing it slightly downwards; then, as the upper sheet is laid over, if it be slightly drawn downwards as it is pressed down, it will be found, after a few trials, that the specimen will have retained a natural form, with very little trouble.

If the specimen has been gathered long enough to have become flaccid, it will require more care in laying the leaves flat and giving the parts their proper direction. Specimens kept in tin boxes, although apparently fresh, will often have taken unnatural bends, which must be corrected, and, after all, specimens will never be good if kept long after gathering, before they are laid out.

If the specimen is very bushy, some branches must be thinned out, but always so as to show where the branch has been.

If any part, such as the head of a thistle, the stem of a broomrape, or the bulb of a lily, be very thick, a portion of what is to be the under side of the specimen, may be sliced off. Some thick specimens may be split from top to bottom before drying.

If the specimen be succulent or tenacious of life, such as a sedum or an orchis, it may be dipped in boiling water, *all but the flowers*. This will kill the plant at once, and enable it to be dried rapidly, losing less of its colour or foliage than would otherwise be the case. Dipping in boiling water is also useful in the case of heaths and other plants which are apt to shed their leaves during the process of drying.

The number of sheets of paper to be placed between each specimen, or sheet of specimens, will depend on the one hand on the thickness and humidity of the specimens, on the other hand on the quantity and quality of the paper one has at command. The more and the better the paper is, the less frequently will it be necessary to change it, and the sooner the plants will dry. The best paper now made in England is Bentall's. On the Continent the common *unsized* grey paper is to be had very much cheaper.

Care must be taken that the paper used is well dried. It it be likewise hot, all the better; but it must then be very dry; and wet plants put into hot paper will require changing very soon, to prevent their turning black, for hot damp, without ventilation, produces rapid fermentation.

For pressing plants, various more or less complicated and costly presses are made. None is better than a pair of boards the size of the paper, and a stone or heavy books or other weight upon them if at home, or a pair of strong leather straps round them if travelling. Each of these boards should be double, that is, made of two layers of thin boards, the opposite way of the grain, and joined together by a row of clenched brads round the edge, without glue. Such boards, in deal rather less than half an inch thick (each layer about 2½ lines), will be found light and durable.

It is useful also to have extra boards or pasteboards the size of the paper, to separate thick plants from thin ones, wet ones from those nearly dry, etc. If some of these intermediate boards be made of two layers of narrow strips, crossing each other at right angles, with intervals between the strips of each layer, the ventilation produced will much accelerate the drying, without frequent changing. Such an apparatus as described and figured in the 'Gardeners' Chronicle,' 1852, p. 164, admirable for home use, is, however, rather bulky for travelling.

The more frequently the plants are changed into dry paper the better. Excepting for very stiff or woody plants, the first pressure should be light, and the first changing, if possible, after a few hours. Then, or at the second changing, when the specimens will have lost their elasticity, but will not yet have dried stiff, will be the time for putting right any part of the specimen which may have taken a wrong fold or a bad direction. After this the pressure may be gradually increased, and the plants left from one to several days without changing. The exact amount of pressure cannot be given, as it will depend on the consistence of the specimens and the amount of paper. It must only be borne in mind that too much pressure crushes the delicate parts, too little allows them to shrivel, in both cases interfering with their future examination.

The most convenient specimens will always be made, if the drying paper is the same size as that of the herbarium in which they are to be kept.

That of writing demy, rather more than 16 inches by 10½ inches, is a common and very convenient size. A small size reduces the specimens too much, a large size is both costly and inconvenient for use.

To examine the interior of flowers or fruits in dried specimens, it is necessary to soften them. If the parts are very delicate, this is best done by gradually moistening them in cold water; in most cases, steeping them in hot water or in steam is much quicker. Very hard fruits and seeds will require boiling to be able to dissect them easily.

For dissecting and examining flowers in the field, all that is necessary is a penknife and a pocket-lens of two or three glasses, from one inch to two inches focus. At home it is more convenient to have a mounted lens or simple microscope with a stage holding a glass plate, upon which the flowers to be dissected may be laid, and a pair of dissectors, one of which should be narrow and pointed, or a mere point like a thick needle in a handle; the other should have a pointed blade with a sharp edge to make clean sections across the ovary. A compound microscope is unnecessary for the characters given in this work.

IV. Determination of Plants.

The **Analytical Keys** of this work, or tables for finding out the names of plants, contain under each bracket two alternatives (rarely three or more), as near as possible contradictory or incompatible with each other. The plant to be determined must be examined to see which of the two alternatives applies to it, commencing with the first bracket of the general table, and following through the bracket to which that alternative refers, and so on till the name of the Order is arrived at. The plant must then be carefully compared with the description of the Order given in the Flora. If it agrees, the same process must be gone through with the Analytical Key of the genera of that Order to find the genus, and again with the key of the species of that genus to find the species.*

Suppose the plant to be a Dandelion, a Daisy, or a Thistle. On opening what appears to be the flower, we see at once that each part, which we may at first have taken for a petal, contains a separate style, and has a separate ovary (appearing like a seed) under it, but no separate calyx, all these florets being collected within a common involucre. The flower is therefore compound. Our attention is also called to the anthers. They may at first escape the beginner, but with a little care they will be discovered forming a ring round the style. We may then conclude that our plant agrees with the first alternative which refers to the second bracket. We must now look to the ovary under any one of the florets, cut it open, and, finding but a single ovule or seed, we are referred to the great Order of Composites. This second bracket is only necessary to exclude two or three Campanulaceous plants (*Phyteuma* and *Jasione*), which have the united anthers and heads of flowers of Composites, but are most readily known by the numerous small ovules or seeds in their ovary or fruit. On turning to the description of the Order Composites, we are cautioned against confounding with them two or three other plants which have similar heads of flowers, and being satisfied we are right, we proceed in the same manner to find out the genus of our plant.

* In the tables of genera and species in this work, the alternatives, instead of being bracketed together, are usually equally indented within the margin, a form more convenient for reference when the genera so classed are not numerous.

Suppose the plant to be a Violet. Although the anthers are united in a ring, the flowers are quite separate, each with its own calyx, and we are referred by the second alternative to the third bracket, the double perianth refers us to the fifth, the free ovary to the sixth, the single ovary to the seventh, the irregular corolla to the fortieth, the spur to one of the petals to the forty-first, the five stamens to the forty-second, under which the five sepals and petals indicate at once the genus Violet. We then compare our plant with the description of the genus in the Flora, before we proceed to ascertain the species. In making use of these descriptions, the beginner must be careful not to be misled by the popular meaning of terms to which a technical sense has been given by botanists, and in all cases of doubt he should refer to the definitions through the Index of Terms.

After a little habit, this mechanical process will be much abridged. The great divisions of the general analytical table will be at once recognized, and very soon the large Orders and genera will become so familiar, that in most cases the amateurs will only have to commence with them. Yet in all cases of doubt and hesitation, wherever the plant does not agree perfectly with the generic character and description, he must revert to the beginning, and carefully go through every step of the investigation before he can be satisfied.

And notwithstanding the care that has been bestowed on the framing of the analytical keys of the present work, and the number of cases in which they have been verified, specimen in hand, through every stage, it cannot be hoped that they have been rendered so precise as to preclude doubt. The beginner especially will often be at a loss as to which alternative agrees the best with the plant he is examining, and one false step may lead him far away from the object he is seeking. But let him not be discouraged; perseverance, a fresh examination of his specimen, or of others of the same plant, a critical consideration of the meaning of every expression in the characters given, may lead him to detect some minute point overlooked or mistaken, and put him in the right way. Even experienced botanists, provided with the most detailed descriptions in systematic works of the highest repute, are occasionally led into false determinations. Species vary within limits which it is often very difficult to express in words. In making an analytical table, it often proves impossible so to divide the genera or species which have to come under one bracket, as that each alternative must exclude all that come under the other one. In such cases it has been found expedient to make both alternatives lead to the doubtful genus or species, although for brevity's sake this has been avoided when not thought absolutely necessary.

It may also happen that the specimen gathered may present some occasional or accidental anomalies peculiar to that single one, or to a very few individuals, which may prevent the species from being at once recognized by its technical characters. It may be useful here to point out a few of these anomalies which the botanist may be most likely to meet with. For this purpose we may divide them in two classes, according as these aberrations or anomalies may be attributed to some general climatological or other influences, or as they are, as far as our knowledge goes, purely accidental.

1. *Aberrations from the ordinary type or appearance of a species, for which some general cause may be assigned.*

A bright light and open situation, particularly at considerable elevations above the sea, or at high latitudes, without too much wet or drought, tends to increase the size and heighten the colour of flowers, in proportion to the stature and foliage of the plant.

Shade, on the contrary, especially if accompanied by richness of soil and sufficient moisture, tends to increase the foliage and draw up the stem, but to diminish the number, size, and colour of the flowers.

A hot climate and dry situation tend to increase the hairs, prickles, and other productions of the epidermis, to shorten and stiffen the branches, rendering thorny plants yet more spinous. Moisture in a rich soil has a contrary effect.

The neighbourhood of the sea, or a saline soil or atmosphere, imparts a thicker and more succulent consistence to the foliage and almost every part of the plant, and appears not unfrequently to enable plants usually annual to live through the winter. Flowers in a maritime variety are often much fewer, but not smaller.

The luxuriance of plants growing isolated in a rich soil, and the dwarf stunted character of those crowded in poor soils, are too well known to need particularizing. It is also an everyday observation how gradually the specimens of a species become dwarf and stunted as we advance into the cold damp regions of the summits of high mountain ranges, or into high northern latitudes; and yet it is very frequently from the want of attention to these circumstances that numbers of false species have been added to our Enumerations and Floras. Luxuriance entails not only increase of size of the whole plant, or of particular parts, but increase of number in branches, or leaves, or leaflets of a compound leaf; or it may diminish the hairiness of the plant, or induce thorns to grow out into branches, etc.

Capsules which, while growing, lie upon or close to the ground, will often become larger, more succulent, and less readily dehiscent than those which are not so exposed to the moisture of the soil.

Herbs eaten down by sheep or cattle, or crushed underfoot, or otherwise checked in their growth, or trees or shrubs cut down to the ground, if then exposed to favourable circumstances of soil and climate, will send up luxuriant side-shoots, often so different in the form of their leaves, in their ramification and inflorescence, as to be scarcely recognizable for the same species.

Annuals which have germinated in spring, and flowered without check, will often be very different in aspect from individuals of the same species, which, having germinated later, are stopped by summer droughts or the approach of winter, and only flower the following season upon a second growth. The latter have often been mistaken for perennials.

Hybrids, or crosses between two distinct species, come under the same category of anomalous specimens from a known cause. Frequent as they are in gardens, where they are artificially produced, they are probably rare in nature, although on this subject there is much diversity in opinion, some believing them to be very frequent, others almost denying their existence. Absolute proof of the origin of a plant found wild is of course impossible; but it is pretty generally agreed that the following particulars must always co-exist in a *wild hybrid*.

It partakes of the characters of its two parents.

It is to be found isolated, or almost isolated, in places where the two parents are abundant.

If there are two or three, they will generally be dissimilar from each other, one partaking more of one parent, another of the other.

It seldom ripens good seed.

It will never be found where one of the parents grows alone.

Where two supposed species grow together, intermixed with numerous

intermediates bearing good seed, and passing more or less gradually from the one to the other, it may generally be concluded that the whole are mere varieties of one species.

The beginner however must be very cautious not to set down a specimen as intermediate between two species, because it appears to be so in some, even the most striking characters, such as stature and foliage. Extreme varieties of one species are connected together by transitions in all their characters, but these transitions are not all observable in the same specimen. The observation of a single intermediate is therefore of little value, unless it be one link in a long series of intermediate forms, and, when met with, should lead to the search for other connecting links.

2. *Accidental aberrations from the ordinary type*, that is, *those of which the cause is unknown.*

These require the more attention, as they may sometimes lead the beginner far astray in his search for the genus, whilst the aberrations above reduced more or less to general laws affect chiefly the distinction of species.

Almost all species with coloured flowers are liable to occur occasionally with them all white.

Many may be found even in a wild state with double flowers, that is, with a multiplication of petals.

Plants which have usually conspicuous petals will occasionally appear without any at all, either to the flowers produced at particular seasons, or to all the flowers of individual plants, or the petals may be reduced to narrow slips.

Flowers usually very irregular may, on certain individuals, lose more or less of their irregularity. Spurs may disappear or be produced on all, instead of only one of their petals.

One part may be occasionally added to or subtracted from the usual number of parts in each floral verticil, more especially in regular polypetalous flowers.

Plants usually monœcious or dicœcious may become occasionally hermaphrodite, or hermaphrodite plants may produce occasionally unisexual flowers by the abortion of the stamens or of the pistils.

Leaves cut or divided where they are usually entire, variegated or spotted where they are usually of one colour, or the reverse, must also be classed amongst those accidental aberrations which the botanist must always be on his guard against mistaking for specific distinctions.

V. Arrangement of the Text and Abbreviations used in the present Work.

In the following pages the name of each *Family* or *Order* (for the two words may be indiscriminately used) is given in English and in Latin. The English name is always in two words, exclusive of the particle. Where the first word is not the name of a genus also, it may be used alone to designate the family by putting it in the plural, as *Crucifers* for the *Crucifer family*, *Waterlilies* for the *Waterlily family*. Where however it is also the name of a genus, and it is wished to designate the family by a single word, in order to avoid confusion, either the Latin name must be taken, or it must be Anglicized by some of the modes which have been proposed, such as substituting the terminations *ids* for *ideæ*, and *anths* or *ads* for *aceæ*, as: *Orchids* for *Orchideæ*, *Ranunculanths* or *Ranunculads* for *Ranunculaceæ*.

After the name of the family, the first paragraph, in large type, is the *character* of the family; the second, in ordinary type, contains remarks on its geographical distribution and affinities.

This is followed, in small type, by the analytical key of the British genera belonging to the Order, as above explained, p. 30; and short memoranda are occasionally subjoined on commonly cultivated plants belonging to exotic genera.

Each genus commences with the name, in English on the left, in Latin on the right. Where there is no English name suitable for the genus, the Latin one is repeated, as it must in that case be used as English.

Then follow the generic character, a paragraph of remarks, an analytical key of species, and occasional memoranda on exotic cultivated species, all in the same form as in the case of the families.

Each species commences with the name, consisting, both in English and in Latin, of two words. In English, the first word indicates the species, the second the genus; but *both* must be used in naming the plant, excepting in a few cases where the first word is a popular name applied to no other plant; the generic name may then, for ordinary purposes, be dispensed with, as: *Charlock Brassica* may be called simply *Charlock*. In Latin, the first word indicates the genus, the second the species; and the name is generally followed by the indication, in abbreviation, of the botanist who first fixed the name for the species in question. In these abbreviations, *Linn.* stands for *Linnæus; Br.* for *Robert Brown; DC.* for *De Candolle; Sm.* for *Sir James Smith*. Other names are usually abbreviated by giving the first syllable with the first letter of the second syllable, as *Hook.* for *Hooker*.

After the name is a parenthesis, in which reference is given to the plate in Smith and Sowerby's 'English Botany' where the species is figured, and to any name, different from the one here adopted, under which the species may be described in the English Botany, in Hooker and Arnott's 'British Flora,' or in Babington's 'Manual of British Botany.' Thus, under the *Lesser Thalictrum*, "(Eng. Bot. t. 11; *T. majus*, Eng. Bot. t. 611; and *T. flexuosum*,

Bab. Man.)" means, that the species is figured under the name here adopted (*Thalictrum minus*) at plate 11; that what is here considered as the same species includes the plant figured plate 611 of that work under the name of *Thalictrum majus*, and the plant described in Babington's Manual, under the name of *Thalictrum flexuosum*. So under the *Yellow Corydal*, or *Corydalis lutea*, the reference "(*Fumaria*, Eng. Bot. t. 588)" means, that the species is figured in 'English Botany' under the name of *Fumaria lutea*, the specific name not being different is not repeated in the reference. In these *synonyms*, as such references are commonly called, Hooker and Arnott's 'British Flora' is designated by the abbreviation *Brit. Fl.* Popular names of the species are also included in the same parenthesis.

The synonyms are followed by a paragraph describing the species. In these descriptions it will be observed that when another species of *the same genus* is referred to, the generic name is, for shortness, indicated by its initial letter, and the specific one is printed in italics, to avoid confusion with a descriptive epithet. Thus under the *Yellow Thalictrum*, "fewer than in the *tesser T.*" means, fewer than in the species called the *Lesser Thalictrum*.

The next paragraph contains: 1st, The indication of the geographical area of the species. This has only been done in a very general manner, and more especially with regard to its distribution in countries the nearest to Britain; for it would have been quite foreign to the purpose of this work to attempt to fix, with any precision, the limits of the areas remote from Britain. Generally speaking, the species indicated as extending to southern Europe penetrate more or less into Africa; if reaching the Caucasus, they often advance more or less into Persia and Arabia, etc. 2ndly, The distribution in Britain. These are also given in general terms, the object being to give the reader some indication whether the species to which he refers the plant he has been examining, is likely to have been growing in the place where he found his specimen. Directions to precise localities occupy too much space for any but very local Floras, or Botanists' Guide-books. Exceptions are of course made for plants only known in a single locality. In all these indications *Britain* is meant to include Ireland. The Channel Island plants are only mentioned when they are not also found on the main British Isles.

These *stations* are followed, in the same paragraph, by the period of flowering, printed in italics. The season is generally given rather than the month, as the flowering of plants always varies with the season. A spring flower which may appear in the beginning of March in a favoured situation on the south coast of England, may not open till May in the Highlands of Scotland. These periods of flowering, derived from personal observation or from the best sources I had at hand, must however be taken with considerable allowance, for they are liable to much variation, according to local or temporary influences; and at any rate they can never be depended on for specific distinctions. In general, spring flowers may be said to blow in March, April, or May, in the south of England; summer flowers in June, July, or part of August; autumnal ones in the end of August, September, or part of October. After the middle of October, and until the beginning of March, there are but few besides occasional stragglers in flower: towards the North, the flowering season is much shorter, and particularly the early flowers open later.

Observations on varieties, etc., are reserved for the conclusion of the paragraph. The plants described as species in the 'British Flora,' or in the

'Manual of British Botany,' and not adopted as such in the present work, are mentioned or referred to either in these concluding observations or among the synonyms immediately under the specific name. All other species inserted in the above works and not included or alluded to in the present one, are omitted, because they are believed not to grow wild in the British Isles.

Analytical Key

To the Natural Orders and Anomalous Genera of the British Flora.

The heads of division adopted in the following Key are necessarily artificial, being solely intended to assist the beginner in finding out the name of his plant, and its place in the system, like the letters of the alphabet in an index. They are not classes or groups of Orders, for the same Order will be found repeated under different heads. At the same time, it has been the endeavour so to frame them as to call the student's attention to some of the most prominent characters of the great natural divisions.

I. FLOWERING PLANTS.

1. Flowers compound, consisting of several florets in a common involucre, without separate calyces. Anthers united in a cylinder round the style 2
   Flowers distinct, or if in a head, having the anthers free 3
2. Ovary and fruit containing a single seed, and appearing like a seed under the floret . . . . . Composite *Fam.* (p. 285.)
   Ovary and fruit two-celled, with several seeds. Jasione *Gen.* (p. 336.)
3. Perianth double, consisting of a calyx (sometimes reduced to a scarcely prominent ring) and a corolla 4
   Perianth single (its segments all calyx-like or all petal-like) or none 84
4. Corolla consisting of several distinct petals 5
   Corolla of one piece, the petals united, at least at the base . . . 8
5. Ovary free, within or above the petals 6
   Ovary inferior, adherent to the base of the calyx, and below the petals 45
6. Ovaries several in the same flower, the carpels distinct or deeply divided 9
   Ovary solitary (simple or compound) entire or slightly divided . 7
7. Corolla regular, the petals equal and similar to each other . . . 14
   Corolla irregular 40
8. Ovary inferior or adherent, below the insertion of the corolla . . 50
   Ovary superior or free, within the tube or base of the corolla . . 56

Polypetals with several free, distinct ovaries or carpels.

9. Stamens united in a ring or column enclosing the style. Ovaries in a ring round the axis 10
   Stamens free. Ovaries quite free, each with a distinct style or stigma, without a central axis 11
10. Stamens 5 or 10, shortly united at the base. Geranium *Fam.* (p. 142.)
    Stamens indefinite, united in a column . . Mallow *Fam.* (p. 138.)
11. Stamens definite in number (as many, twice, or thrice as many as the petals) 12
    Stamens indefinite 13
12. Leaves fleshy. Sepals and petals 4 or more. Crassula *Fam.* (p. 220.)
    Aquatic plants not fleshy. Sepals and petals 3. Alisma *Fam.* (p. 494.)
13. Leaves without stipules. Stamens inserted on the receptacle. Ranunculus *Fam.* (p. 53.)
    Leaves with stipules. Stamens on the calyx . Rose *Fam.* (p. 183.)

Regular Polypetals with one free, simple, or compound ovary.

14 { More than 10 stamens 15
10 stamens or fewer 21

15 { Calyx of 2 distinct sepals. Petals 4 . . . Poppy *Fam.* (p. 70.)
Calyx of one piece, with 5 or more teeth. Petals 5 or 6. Stamens about 12 16
Calyx of 3 to 5 sepals or lobes. Petals 5. Stamens numerous . . 17
Calyx of several sepals. Petals and stamens numerous. Aquatic plants . . . . . Waterlily *Fam.* (p. 69.)

16 { Petals distinct. Ovary sessile . . . . Lythrum *Gen.* (p. 213.)
Apparent petals really appendages to the involucre. Ovary apparently stalked . . . . . Spurge *Gen.* (p. 456.)

17 { Leaves opposite 18
Leaves alternate 19

18 { Sepals 3, with or without two small outer ones. Style simple. Cistus *Fam.* (p. 106.)
Sepals 5, nearly equal, Styles 3 or 5, distinct. Hypericum *Fam.* (p. 132.)

19 { Trees or shrubs. Stamens free 20
Herbs. Stamens free . . . . . Baneberry *Gen.* (p. 67.)
Herbs or undershrubs. Stamens united in a column round the pistil . . . . . Mallow *Fam.* (p. 138.)

20 { Petals and stamens inserted on the receptacle. Flower-stalk winged by an oblong bract . . . . . Lime *Fam.* (p. 141.)
Petals and stamens inserted on the calyx. Flower-stalk not winged. Rose *Fam.* (p. 183.)

21 { Leaves opposite 22
Leaves alternate, or radical, or none 29

22 { Trees or shrubs 23
Herbs 24

23 { Stamens 2. Leaves pinnate . . . . . Ash *Gen.* (p. 362.)
Stamens 4 or 5. Leaves ovate, toothed. . Celastrus *Fam.* (p. 153.)
Stamens about 8. Leaves broadly lobed or angular. Maple *Gen.* (p. 152.)

24 { Petals inserted on the tubular calyx, near the top. Lythrum *Fam.* (p. 213.)
Petals inserted within the base of the calyx 25

25 { Leaves divided, cut, or toothed . . . . Geranium *Fam.* (p. 142.)
Leaves quite entire 26

26 { Capsule one-celled, with a central placenta and several seeds. Pink *Fam.* (p. 112.)
Capsule with a single seed . . . . . Paronychia *Fam.* (p. 217.)
Capsule and ovary divided into several cells 27

27 { Petals 3 or 4, with twice as many stamens. Flowers very minute. Elatine *Gen.* (p. 131.)
Petals 4 or 5. Stamens the same, or rarely one or two additional ones 28

28 { Calyx tubular, five-toothed . . . . . Frankenia *Gen.* (p. 111.)
Calyx many-toothed. Flowers very small. Radiola *Gen.* (p. 138.)
Sepals 5, quite free . . . . . *Cathartic* Flax (p. 137.)

29 { Trees or shrubs 30
Low procumbent heath-like undershrub, with 3 petals and stamens. Crowberry *Gen.* (p. 462.)
Herbs rarely slightly woody at the base 33

30 { Petals and stamens 6. Berry one- or two-seeded. BARBERRY *Gen.* (p. 68.)
Petals 4 or 5. Stamens as many, or twice as many 31

31 { Branches twiggy, with small green scale-like leaves. Capsule one-celled. Seeds cottony . . . . . TAMARIX *Gen.* (p. 131.)
Shrubs or trees, with flat leaves. Ovary and fruit (usually a berry) divided into cells 32

32 { Petals white, alternating with the stamens . HOLLY *Gen.* (p. 361.)
Petals very small, green and behind the stamens, or none. BUCKTHORN *Gen.* (p. 154.)

33 { Petals 4 34
Petals 5 35

34 { Leafless herbs, with brown scales. Stamens 8. MONOTROPE *Gen.* (p. 351.)
Herbs with entire or divided leaves. Stamens 6, of which two are shorter, or rarely wanting . . . . . CRUCIFER *Fam.* (p. 76.)
Herb with compound leaves. Stamens 4 . . EPIMEDE *Gen.* (p. 68.)

35 { Stamens 10 36
Stamens 5 37

36 { Style single, with a broad stigma. Leaves entire or minutely toothed . . . . . WINTERGREEN *Gen.* (p. 349.)
Two styles or two distinct stigmas. Leaves often toothed or divided . . . . . SAXIFRAGE *Gen.* (p. 227.)
Five styles. Leaves of three leaflets . . . OXALIS *Gen.* (p. 148.)

37 { Leaves all radical, or only one on the stem 38
Stem-leaves several, entire 39

38 { Styles 3 to 5, each one deeply divided. Leaves fringed with glandular hairs . . . . . SUNDEW *Gen.* (p. 233.)
Stigmas 4, sessile. Leaves broad, entire, one on the stem. PARNASSIA *Gen.* (p. 233.)
Styles 5. Leaves all radical, entire . . . PLUMBAGO *Fam.* (p. 430.)

39 { Styles 3. Procumbent plant, with very small white and green flowers . . . . . CORRIGIOLE *Gen.* (p. 217.)
Styles 5. Flowers blue . . . . . FLAX *Gen.* (p. 136.)

Irregular Polypetals with one free, simple, or compound ovary.

40 { Flowers with a spur or pouch at the base 41
Flowers not spurred 43

41 { Stamens numerous . . . . . LARKSPUR *Gen.* (p. 66.)
Stamens 6, united in two clusters . . . FUMITORY *Fam.* (p. 74.)
Stamens 5 42

42 { Sepals 5. Petals 5, spreading, one of them spurred. VIOLET *Gen.* (p. 108.)
Outer sepals 2. One inner sepal, large, hooded, and spurred. Petals one outer, entire, 2 inner lobed . . BALSAM *Gen.* (p. 149.)

43 { Petals small, deeply cut. Stamens more than 8, free. MIGNIONETTE *Gen.* (p. 105.)
Petals 5, papilionaceous. Stamens 10, all or 9 united. PEAFLOWER *Tribe* (p. 155.)
Petals and sepals in pairs or in fours. Stamens 6 44
Sepals 5, of which 2 are large. Petals 3 or 5, small. Stamens 8, united in two clusters . . . . . MILKWORT *Gen.* (p. 150.)

44 { Petals 4, spreading, 2 large and 2 small. Stamens free. CRUCIFER *Fam.* (p. 76.)
Petals 4, small, erect in two pairs. Stamens united in two clusters. FUMITORY *Fam.* (p. 74.)

Polypetals with an inferior ovary.

45 { Stamens 10 or fewer, of the same number or twice the petals . . 46
Stamens 12 . . . . . LYTHRUM *Gen.* (p. 213.)
Stamens indefinite, usually numerous 49

46 { Petals 5. Stamens 10 . . . . . SAXIFRAGE *Gen.* (p. 227.)
Petals 5. Stamens 5 47
Petals 3. Aquatic plants with dielinous flowers. HYDROCHARIS *Fam.* (p. 499.)
Petals 2 or 4. Stamens 2, 4, or 8 48

47 { Herbs. Fruit separating into two dry one-seeded carpels. UMBELLATE *Fam.* (p. 235.)
Shrubs. Fruit a berry, with several seeds . . RIBES *Gen.* (p. 225.)
Evergreen climber. Fruit a berry, with 2 to 5 seeds. IVY *Gen.* (p. 265.)

48 { Fruit a berry. Shrubs or herbs . . . . . CORNEL *Gen.* (p. 266.)
Fruit dry, capsular. Herbs . . . . ŒNOTHERA *Fam.* (p. 205.)

49 { Calyx of 2 sepals . . . . . PURSLANE *Fam.* (p. 216.)
Calyx of 4, 5, or twice that number of teeth or divisions. ROSE *Fam.* (p. 183.)

Monopetals with an inferior ovary.

50 { Leaves alternate or radical 51
Leaves opposite or whorled 53

51 { Shrubs. Stamens 8 or 10. Fruit a berry. VACCINIUM *Gen.* (p. 342.)
Climber. Flowers dicœcious. Stamens 5, combined into 3. Fruit a berry . . . . . BRYONY *Gen.* (p. 215.)
Herbs. Stamens 5. Fruit a capsule 52

52 { Stamens inserted within the base of the corolla. CAMPANULA *Fam.* (p. 335.)
Stamens inserted in the tube of the corolla. Flowers small, white. SAMOLE *Gen.* (p. 358.)

53 { Leaves in whorls of four or more . . . . STELLATE *Tribe* (p. 272.)
Leaves opposite 54

54 { Stamens 1, 2, or 3 . . . . . VALERIAN *Fam.* (p. 278.)
Stamens 4 or 5 55

55 { Flowers numerous, in heads, with a common involucre. Fruit dry, one-seeded. Stem herbaceous . . . . . TEASEL *Fam.* (p. 282.)
Flowers distinct or few together, without a common involucre. Fruit often succulent. Stem usually shrubby or climbing. HONEYSUCKLE *Fam.* (p. 267.)

Monopetals with a free ovary.

56 { Stamens twice as many as the lobes of the corolla 57
Stamens equal in number to the lobes of the corolla or fewer . . 59

57 { Flowers regular. Leaves entire or toothed 58
Flowers very irregular. Leaves much divided. FUMITORY *Fam.* (p. 74.)

58 { Ovary single, of several cells. Leaves not peltate. HEATH *Fam.* (p. 341.)
Ovaries several, distinct. Radical leaves, peltate, fleshy. COTYLEDON *Gen.* (p. 220.)

59 { Ovaries divided into two or four, resembling naked seeds in the bottom of the calyx, with the style arising from between them . . 60
Ovary entire, of one or more cells, the style or stigma at the top . 61

60 { Leaves all opposite. Corolla two-lipped, or seldom nearly regular. LABIATE *Fam.* (p. 409.)
Leaves alternate (except sometimes the floral ones). Corolla regular or rarely oblique . . . . . BORAGE *Fam.* (p. 373.)

61 { Corolla regular 62
Corolla irregular 78

62 { Stamens opposite the lobes of the corolla, and of the same number. PRIMROSE *Fam.* (p. 351.)
Stamens alternating with the lobes of the corolla, or fewer in number 63

63 { Stamens 2. Leaves opposite 64
Stamens 3. Small herb, with minute white flowers. MONTIA *Gen.* (p. 216.)
Stamens 4 65
Stamens and divisions of the corolla 5 or more 70

64 { Trees or shrubs . . . . . JESSAMINE *Fam.* (p. 362.)
Herb. Corolla rotate . . . . . VERONICA *Gen.* (p. 399.)

65 { No leaves. Stems thread-like, adhering to other plants. DODDER *Gen.* (p. 372.)
Leaves alternate or radical 66
Leaves opposite 69

66 { Shrubs with evergreen leaves . . . . . HOLLY *Gen.* (p. 311.)
Herbs 67

67 { Corolla scarious, deeply four-lobed. Stamens longer than the corolla . . . . . PLANTAIN *Fam.* (p. 432.)
Corolla of the consistence of petals. Stamens shorter than the corolla 68

68 { Leaves narrow, entire . . . . . LIMOSEL *Gen.* (p. 398.)
Leaves orbicular, crenate . . . . . SIBTHORPIA *Gen.* (p. 398.)

69 { Leaves entire . . . . . GENTIAN *Fam.* (p. 364.)
Leaves toothed or cut . . . . . VERVEIN *Gen.* (p. 429.)

70 { Fruit a berry 71
Fruit a capsule 72

71 { Shrubs with evergreen leaves . . . . . HOLLY *Gen.* (p. 361.)
Stem or branches herbaceous . . . . . SOLANUM *Fam.* (p. 382.)

72 { Leaves opposite, entire 73
Leaves alternate, or none 74

73 { Trailing plants, with evergreen leaves. Two ovaries joining at the top into one style . . . . . PERIWINKLE *Gen.* (p. 363.)
Small procumbent shrub, with very small evergreen leaves. Ovary single . . . . . LOISELEURIA *Gen.* (p. 345.)
Herbs. Ovary single . . . . . GENTIAN *Fam.* (p. 364.)

74 { Leaves divided 75
Leaves undivided or none 76

75 { Leaves of three leaflets. Corolla hairy within. Aquatic plant. BUCKBEAN *Gen.* (p. 369.)
Leaves pinnately cut. Corolla smooth. Erect herb. POLEMONIUM *Gen.* (p. 370.)

76 Aquatic plant, with floating orbicular leaves. LIMNANTH *Gen.* (p. 369.)
Twining or procumbent plants. Corolla campanulate. Seeds 2 or 4 in each capsule . . . . . CONVOLVULUS *Fam.* (p. 370.)
Tall erect plants. Seeds numerous 77

77 Corolla nearly rotate, the upper lobes overlapping the lower ones. MULLEIN *Gen.* (p. 390.)
Corolla campanulate, or with a distinct tube, the lobes folded in the bud . . . . . SOLANUM *Fam.* (p. 382.)

78 Stamens 8 or 10, more or less united 79
Stamens 5, free 77
Stamens 3. Small plant with minute white flowers. MONTIA *Gen.* (p. 216.)
Stamens 2 or 4 80

79 Leaves simple . . . . . MILKWORT *Gen.* (p. 150.)
Leaves of three leaflets . . . . . CLOVER *Gen.* (p. 164.)

80 Corolla with a spur 81
Corolla without a spur 82

81 Two stamens. Capsule one-celled . . PINGUICULA *Fam.* (p. 358.)
Four stamens. Capsule two-celled . SCROPHULARIA *Fam.* (p. 389.)

82 One or two seeds in the ovary or capsule . . VERVEIN *Gen.* (p. 430.)
Several seeds in the capsule, or at least several ovules in the ovary 83

83 Plant leafless, except scales of the colour of the stem. Capsule one-celled . . . . . BROOMRAPE *Fam.* (p. 385.)
Leaves green. Capsule two-celled . . SCROPHULARIA *Fam.* (p. 389.)

Perianth simple or none.

84 Floating or submerged plants 84
Terrestrial herbs, or, if aquatic, erect from the bottom of the water, and projecting from it 92
Trees or shrubs 137

1. *Floating Aquatic Plants.*

85 Small leaf-like fronds, attached two or three together, and floating without any stem . . . . . DUCKWEED *Gen.* (p. 488.)
Leaves and flowers growing out of a distinct stem 86

86 Leaves deeply divided into capillary lobes 87
Leaves entire 88

87 Leaves pinnately divided. Perianth 4-lobed. MYRIOPHYLL *Gen.* (p. 211.)
Leaves repeatedly forked. Perianth none or many-lobed. CERATOPHYLL *Gen.* (p. 463.)

88 Leaves opposite or whorled 89
Leaves in a radical submerged tuft 134
Leaves radical in floating tufts . . . . . FROGBIT *Gen.* (p. 499.)
Leaves alternate 91

89 Tube of the flower long and thread-like, resembling a pedicel. ELODEA *Gen.* (p. 499.)
Flowers sessile, or nearly so, in the axils of the leaves, or in stalked heads or spikes, without any stalk-like tube 90

90 One four-lobed ovary. Two styles . . . CALLITRICHE *Gen.* (p. 463.)
Four ovaries, with distinct styles or stigmas . NAIAD *Fam.* (p. 489.)
One simple ovary and style . . . . . MARESTAIL *Gen.* (p. 212.)

91
- Flowers axillary. Perianth none, or of four small scales. NAIAD *Fam.* (p. 489.)
- Flowers in globular heads, the upper head male, the lower female. Perianth none, or of 1 to 6 small scales. *Floating* SPARGANIUM (p. 486.)
- Flowers glumaceous. Stamens 2 or 3 . *Floating* SCIRPUS (p. 550.)
- Perianth of 6 parts. Stamens 6 . . . . *Jointed* RUSH (p. 537.)
- Perianth of 5 parts. Stamens about 5. *Amphibious* POLYGONUM (p. 451.)

2. *Terrestrial Herbs, or, if aquatic, erect.*

92
- Flowers hermaphrodite, containing one or more ovaries and one or more stamens, surrounded by a distinct perianth 93
- Flowers diclinous, the stamens and ovaries either in separate perianths, or intermixed or variously arranged on the same spike, or within the same involucre, but separated by single scales only, without distinct perianths 124

93
- Stamens more than 6 94
- Stamens 6 or fewer 101

94
- Stamens indefinite, usually numerous 95
- Stamens about 12 96
- Stamens 7 to 10 97

95
- Stamens inserted on the receptacle. Ovaries numerous. RANUNCULUS *Fam.* (p. 53.)
- Stamens on the calyx. Ovaries few or single . ROSE *Fam.* (p. 183.)

96
- Perianth three-lobed. Capsule sessile . . ASARUM *Gen.* (p. 455.)
- Perianth (involucre) with five small lobes or teeth. Capsule stalked . . . . . SPURGE *Gen.* (p. 456.)

97
- Leaves radical, or in a single whorl on the stem 98
- Leaves alternate or opposite 99

98
- Leaves once or twice ternately divided. Flowers in a small terminal head . . . . . ADOXA *Gen.* (p. 268.)
- Leaves entire, rush-like, radical. Flowers in a terminal umbel. Plant aquatic . . . . . BUTOME *Gen.* (p. 495.)
- Leaves entire, in a single whorl of four or five. Flowers solitary, terminal . . . . . PARIS *Gen.* (p. 522.)

99
- Leaves orbicular, crenate. Capsule inferior, many-seeded. CHRYSOSPLENE *Gen.* (p. 232.)
- Leaves entire. Capsule several-seeded . . . PINK *Fam.* (p. 212.)
- Leaves entire. Capsule one-seeded 100

100
- Leaves small, opposite. Capsule inferior. SCLERANTH *Gen.* (p. 219.)
- Leaves alternate, with sheathing stipules. POLYGONUM *Gen.* (p. 448.)

101
- Perianth coloured, and looking like a corolla 102
- Perianth herbaceous, and looking like a calyx or scales, or entirely wanting 110

102
- One or two anthers sessile on a central column or style. One of the six divisions of the perianth different from the others. ORCHID *Fam.* (p. 500.)
- Three to six stamens distinct from the style 103

103
- Leaves opposite or in whorls 104
- Leaves alternate or radical 106

104
- Stamens 6. Capsule two-celled, with several seeds. PEPLIS *Gen.* (p. 214.)
- Stamens 5 or fewer. Ovary inferior 53
- Stamens 5. Ovary superior 105

105 { Capsule one-seeded. Stigmas small, searious. PARONYCHIA *Fam.* (p. 217.)
Capsule several-seeded, one-celled. No stipules. GLAUX *Gen.* (p. 357.)

106 { Leaves pinnate, with stipules . . . . SANGUISORB *Gen.* (p. 197.)
Leaves pinnate or divided, without stipules. UMBELLATE *Fam.* (p. 235.)
Leaves entire 107

107 { Stipules forming sheaths or rings round the stem. Nut superior, one-seeded . . . . . POLYGONUM *Fam.* (p. 443.)
No stipules 108

108 { Stamens and divisions of the flower 4 or 5 109
Stamens and divisions of the flower 3 or 6. Leaves with parallel veins 150

109 { Styles 5. Ovary and capsule superior . PLUMBAGO *Fam.* (p. 430.)
Styles 2. Ovary inferior . . . . . UMBELLATE *Fam.* (p. 235.)
Style 1. Ovary inferior . . . . . THESIUM *Gen.* (p. 454.)

110 { Leaves opposite or whorled 111
Leaves alternate or radical 116
Fleshy, articulate, maritime plants, without leaves. Stamens 1 or 2 . . . . . SALICORN *Gen.* (p. 436.)

111 { Leaves linear, whorled. Stamen 1 . . MARESTAIL *Gen.* (p. 212.)
Leaves opposite. Stamens 4, 5, or 6 112

112 { Ovary and capsule one-seeded 113
Ovary and capsule several-seeded 114

113 { Leaves small, with searious stipules . PARONYCHIA *Fam.* (p. 217.)
No stipules . . . . . GOOSEFOOT *Fam.* (p. 435.)

114 { Ovary inferior. Stamens 4 . . . . . LUDWIGIA *Gen.* (p. 210.)
Ovary superior 115

115 { Calyx 6-toothed. Stamens 6. Capsule 2-celled. PEPLIS *Gen.* (p. 214.)
Calyx five-lobed. Stamens 5. Capsule one-celled, several-seeded . . . . . GLAUX *Gen.* (p. 357.)
Calyx of 4 or 5 sepals. Stamens 4 or 5. Capsule 1-celled, several-seeded . . . . . PINK *Fam.* (p. 112.)

116 { Flowers glumaceous, consisting of chaffy scales alternating with each other, enclosing the stamens. Leaves linear. Stamens 2 or 3 161
Perianth entire, oblique, projecting on one side into a lip. Stamens 6 . . . . . ARISTOLOCHIA *Fam.* (p. 455.)
Perianth 4-, 5-, or 6-merous. Stamens 4, 5, or 6 117

117 { Two or more ovaries . . . . . ROSE *Fam.* (p. 183.)
A single ovary 118

118 { Perianth of 4 or 5 parts or teeth. Stamens usually 4 or 5 . . 119
Perianth of 6 divisions. Stamens 6 123

119 { Ovary inferior . . . . . THESIUM *Gen.* (p. 454.)
Ovary superior 120

120 { Seeds several in the capsule . . . . . PLANTAIN *Gen.* (p. 433.)
Seed solitary 121

121 { Stipules leafy. Leaves broadly lobed or divided ROSE *Fam.* (p. 183.)
Stipules membranous, sheathing the stem. POLYGONUM *Fam.* (p. 443.)
Stipules minute or none 122

122 { Stamens 4 . . . . . PELLITORY *Gen.* (p. 465.)
Stamens 5 . . . . . GOOSEFOOT *Fam.* (p. 435.)

123 Stem leafy. Stipules sheathing. Nut enclosed in three of the perianth-lobes . . . . . Dock *Gen.* (p. 444.)
Leaves linear, mostly radical. Capsule with 3 or more seeds . . 157

124 Stamens and pistils in distinct globular or cylindrical masses without separate perianths 162
Stamens about 12, with one pistil in a calyx-like involucre. Spurge *Gen.* (p. 456.)
Flowers, male or female, each with a distinct perianth 125

125 Stems long and climbing 126
Stems parasitical on trees, with hard green forked branches. Mistletoe *Gen.* (p. 266.)
Stems terrestrial or aquatic, but neither climbing nor floating . 128

126 Leaves opposite. Capsules in a head concealed by leafy bracts. Hop *Gen.* (p. 466.)
Leaves alternate. Berries red 127

127 Leaves angular or lobed. Stem climbing by tendrils. Perianth 5-lobed . . . . . Bryony *Gen.* (p. 215.)
Leaves entire, shining. Stem twining, without tendrils. Perianth 6-lobed . . . . . Tamus *Gen.* (p. 521.)

128 Flowers glumaceous, consisting of chaffy scales enclosing the stamens 161
Flowers of both sorts, or at least the males, with a distinct perianth, of 3, 4, or more divisions 129

129 Male perianth of 3 to 5 divisions 130
Male perianth of 6 divisions 136

130 Stamens as many as the divisions of the perianth 131
Stamens indefinite 135

131 Male flowers in globular heads in a terminal raceme. Females axillary, joined two together in a large prickly burr, with incurved points . . . . . Burwood *Gen.* (p. 310.)
Flowers, male and female, distinct, or in heads, not prickly . . 132

132 Male perianth of 4 parts 133
Male perianth of 5 or 3 parts . . . . Goosefoot *Fam.* (p. 435.)

133 Leaves all radical, linear and fleshy, or transparent. Marsh or water plants 134
Stems leafy. Leaves flat . . . . . Nettle *Fam.* (p. 464.)

134 Male flowers one or two on a stalk, with very long stamens. Females sessile . . . . . Littorel *Gen.* (p. 434.)
Male and female flowers minute, mixed together in a small terminal head . . . . . Eriocaulon *Gen.* (p. 542.)

135 Leaves opposite, simple . . . . . Mercury *Gen.* (p. 460.)
Leaves alternate, pinnate . . . . . Poterium *Gen.* (p. 197.)

136 Leaves alternate, with sheathing stipules. Stamens 6. Nut enclosed in the calyx . . . . . Dock *Gen.* (p. 444.)
Leaves small and fine, in tufts. Stamens 6. Fruit a berry. Asparagus *Gen.* (p. 524.)
Leaves small and heath-like. Stamens 3. Fruit a berry. Crowberry *Gen.* (p. 462.)
Leaves radical, long, arrow-shaped. Stamens and carpels numerous. Aquatic plant . . . . . Arrowhead *Gen.* (p. 495.)

3. *Trees or Shrubs.*

137 Leaves opposite 138
Leaves alternate or in tufts 141

138 { Leaves divided, lobed or angular, deciduous 139
Leaves entire, evergreen 140

139 { Leaves lobed or angular. Stamens about 8. Fruit with two diverging wings . . . . . Maple *Gen.* (p. 151.)
Leaves pinnate. Stamens in pairs, collected in clusters. Fruit with one erect wing . . . . . Ash *Gen.* (p. 362.)

140 { Parasitical shrub with green dichotomous stems. Fruit a berry. Mistletoe *Gen.* (p. 266.)
Erect branching shrub with shining leaves. Fruit a few-seeded capsule . . . . . Box *Gen.* (p. 461.)

141 { Male flowers in catkins, separated by scales only. Females solitary or in clusters, or in catkins, usually different from the males . 142
Flowers hermaphrodite or diclinous, each with a distinct perianth 143

142 { Leaves entire and mostly evergreen, needle-like, or narrow or scale-like. Anthers sessile on the catkin-scales . . Pine *Fam.* (p. 481.)
Leaves flat, mostly toothed. Stamens distinct from the scales Catkin *Fam.* (p. 467.)

143 { Flowers dioecious. Male perianth of 2 or 6 scales 144
Flowers hermaphrodite or polygamous. Perianth regular, of 3 to 5 divisions 145

144 { Erect shrub. Male perianth of 2 scales. Hippophae *Gen.* (p. 453.)
Procumbent undershrub. Perianth of 6 scales. Crowberry *Gen.* (p. 462.)

145 { Trees. Stamens opposite the lobes of the perianth. Fruit thin, like a small leaf . . . . . Elm *Gen.* (p. 466.)
Evergreen climber. Fruit a berry . . . . . Ivy *Gen.* (p. 265.)
Shrubs. Fruit a berry 146

146 { Flowers on the under side of the leaves . . Ruscus *Gen.* (p. 525.)
Flowers on the stem or branches 147

147 { Flowers very small, green and open. Stamens 4 or 5 alternating with the lobes of the perianth . . . Buckthorn *Gen.* (p. 154.)
Flowers with a conspicuous tube, often coloured. Stamens 8. Daphne *Gen.* (p. 452.)

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148 { Perianth, or at least the inner segments, coloured and looking like a corolla, or, if green, soft and yellowish 149
Perianth dry, green or brown, or reduced to mere scales, or none at all 155

149 { One or two anthers sessile on a central column or style. One of the six divisions of the perianth different from the others. Orchid *Fam.* (p. 500.)
Three or more distinct stamens 150

150 { Ovaries several, quite distinct, or, if cohering, each with a distinct style or stigma . . . . . Alisma *Fam.* (p. 494.)
Ovary single, 3-celled 151

151 { Ovary inferior 152
Ovary superior . . . . . Lily *Fam.* (p. 521.)

152 { Floating or submerged plants . . . Hydrocharis *Fam.* (p. 499.)
Terrestrial or marsh plants 153

153 { Stamens 3 . . . . . Iris *Fam.* (p. 515.)
Stamens 6 154

154 { Climbing plant with alternate net-veined leaves. TAMUS *Gen.* (p. 521.)
Bulbous herbs . . . . . AMARYLLIS *Fam.* (p. 518.)

155 { Floating or submerged plants 85
Terrestrial plants, or, if aquatic, erect from the bottom of the water and projecting above it 156

156 { Leaves in a single whorl of 4 or 5, with netted veins. Perianth, segments, and stamens, 8 or 10 . . . . . PARIS *Gen.* (p. 522.)
Leaves radical or alternate, linear or cylindrical, with parallel veins 157

157 { Perianth of 6 or 4 segments. Stamens as many or half as many 158
Flowers glumaceous, consisting of alternate chaffy scales, enclosing the stamens and pistil in the same or distinct scales . . 161
Stamens and pistils in dense heads or spikes, without distinct perianths 162

158 { One style with 2 or 3 linear stigmas 159
One ovary with 3 distinct styles or stigmas 160
Three distinct ovaries . . . . . SCHEUCHZERIA *Gen.* (p. 497.)

159 { Flowers minute, uniscxual, in a globular head.
ERIOCAULON *Gen.* (p. 542.)
Flowers complete, distinct, or clustered, or panicled.
RUSH *Fam.* (p. 535.)

160 { Three short styles . . . . . TOFIELDIA *Gen.* (p. 534.)
Three sessile stigmas . . . . . TRIGLOCHIN *Gen.* (p. 498.)

161 { Flowers with a single scale under each set of stamens and pistil. Sheath of the leaves closed round the stem . SEDGE *Fam.* (p. 543.)
Flowers enclosed in two or more scales. Sheath of the leaves split open on the side opposite the blade . GRASS *Fam.* (p. 570.)

162 { Fruit a berry. Leaves usually broad . . . ARUM *Fam.* (p. 486.)
Fruit a dry nut. Leaves linear and sedge-like.
BULRUSH *Fam.* (p. 484.)

II. CRYPTOGAMS. (*No stamens or pistil.*)

1 { Plants with distinct roots and stems or rootstocks, with leaves or green branches 2
Plants variously shaped, without distinct roots, stems, and leaves, seldom green unless aquatic . CELLULAR CRYPTOGAMS (p. 614.)

2 { Fructification in terminal spikes 3
Fructification radical or in the axils of small leaves 4
Fructification on the back of the leaves or leaf-like branches.
FERN *Fam.* (p. 621.)

3 { Stems leafless, jointed, simple, or with whorled branches.
EQUISETUM *Gen.* (p. 618.)
Stems bearing numerous small leaves . CLUBMOSS *Gen.* (p. 615.)
Stem bearing a simple or branched leaf below the spike.
FERN *Fam.* (p. 621.)

4 { Capsules sessile . . . . . CLUBMOSS *Fam.* (p. 615.)
Capsules stalked 5

5 { Capsules globular or urn-shaped, opening with a lid. MOSSES (p. 614.)
Capsules opening in valves . . . . . HEPATICÆ (p. 614.)

Arrangement of the Natural Orders in the present Work.

The very unequal manner in which the several Natural Orders are represented in the British Isles, renders it impossible, in a work confined to British plants, to give any fair idea of the *subclasses* into which these Orders have been grouped, or of the principles which have guided the authors of the linear arrangement the most generally followed. The following recapitulation is therefore merely intended as a sort of table of contents, showing the order in which the families follow each other in the present work; at the same time that the attention is called to one or two of the most striking, the most important, or the earliest observed features of each one. These characters are however general, not always without exception, and sometimes specially applicable to British genera only.

CLASS I.—DICOTYLEDONS.

In the germination of the seed the plumula arises between two (rarely more) lobes or cotyledons of the embryo, or from a terminal notch.

Subclass 1. Thalamiflores.—Petals distinct from the calyx, and from each other, seldom wanting. Stamens hypogynous.

* *Ovary apocarpous.*

I. Ranunculus family. Petals definite. Stamens indefinite.

II. Barberry family. Perianth and stamens in twos or threes, or their multiples. Anthers opening by recurved valves.

III. Waterlily family. Aquatic plants with indefinite petals and stamens, the inner petals passing gradually into the outer stamens.

** *Ovary syncarpous. Placentas parietal.*

IV. Poppy family. Perianth regular, in twos or fours. Stamens indefinite.

V. Fumitory family. Perianth very irregular, in twos or fours. Stamens 6, in two sets.

VI. Crucifer family. Sepals and petals 4 each. Stamens 6, of which 2 shorter.

VII. Mignionette family. Petals small, unequal, some divided. Stamens few but indefinite. Capsule open at the top before it is ripe.

VIII. Cistus family. Sepals 3, equal, or with additional small ones. Petals 5, regular. Stamens indefinite.

IX. Violet family. Stamens 5; the anthers on the inner face, of very short broad filaments, usually united in a ring. Capsule three-valved.

X. Frankenia family. As in the Pink family, except the parietal placentas.

*** *Ovary syncarpous. Placentas axile.*

XI. Pink family. Leaves opposite, entire. Flowers regular. Stamens definite. Capsule one-celled, with a free central placenta.

XII. Elatine family. As in the Pink family, but the capsule divided into cells.

XIII. Tamarise family. Shrubs with alternate green scale-like leaves. Flowers regular. Capsule one-celled. Seeds with a tuft of wool.

XIV. Hypericum family. Leaves opposite. Flowers regular. Sepals imbricate. Flowers indefinite, in 3 or 5 clusters or bundles.

XV. Flax family. Leaves entire. Petals convolute, distinct. Stamens definite. Capsule separating into carpels without leaving a central axis.

XVI. Mallow family. Sepals valvate. Petals convolute, adhering at the base to the staminal tube. Stamens indefinite, monadelphous, with one-celled anthers.

XVII. Lime family. Trees. Sepals valvate. Petals free. Stamens indefinite.

XVIII. Geranium family. Leaves opposite, toothed or divided. Petals convolute. Stamens definite. Capsule with several cells and lobes round a persistent central axis.

XIX. Balsam genus or family. Perianth very irregular. Stamens 5, the anthers cohering in a ring. Capsule opening elastically.

XX. Milkwort family. Perianth very irregular. Stamens 8, in two parcels; petals united with them at the base.

XXI. Maple genus or tribe (of *Sapindaceæ*). Trees. Leaves opposite. Stamens definite, but seldom isomerous. Fruit separating into 2 (rarely 3) winged nuts.

Subclass 2. CALYCIFLORES.—Petals usually distinct, and stamens perigynous or epigynous.

* *Stamens and petals mostly perigynous (except in the Œnothera, Gourd, and Ribes families).*

XXII. Celastrus family. Shrubs or trees, with small regular green flowers. Stamens alternating with the petals, on a disk lining the base of the calyx.

XXIII. Buckthorn family. As in the Celastrus family, but the stamens are opposite the small concave or scale-like petals.

XXIV. Peaflower tribe (of the Leguminous family). Flowers very irregular, *papilionaceous*. Stamens 10, all, or 9 of them, combined. Ovary of one carpel.

XXV. Rose family. Flowers regular. Stamens indefinite. Ovary (at least when young) apocarpous.

XXVI. Œnothera family. Perianth in twos or fours. Stamens definite. Ovary inferior. One style.

XXVII. Lythrum family. Stamens usually definite, inserted with the petals at the top of the calyx-tube. Ovary syncarpous within the base of the tube. One style. Lower leaves opposite.

XXVIII. Gourd family. Climbers with tendrils. Flowers unisexual. Ovary inferior.

XXIX. Purslane family. As in the Pink family, but only two sepals, and 5 or more perigynous petals and stamens.

XXX. Paronychia family. Herbs. Leaves entire, usually opposite. Flowers regular. Stamens definite (all as in the Pink family). Petals very small, or none. Ovary free, with one ovule.

XXXI. Crassula family. Leaves succulent. Sepals, petals, stamens of one or two rows, and free carpels, all isomerous.

XXXII. Ribes genus or family. Shrubs. Flowers regular. Stamens definite. Ovary inferior. Placentas parietal. One style.

XXXIII. Saxifrage family. Flowers regular. Stamens definite. Ovary syncarpous at the base, but a separate style for each carpel.

** *Petals and stamens epigynous (round an epigynous disk).*

XXXIV. Umbellate family. Leaves alternate. Fruit dry, separating from the axis into seed-like carpels.

XXXV. Aralia family. Leaves alternate. Fruit succulent. Carpels often more than two, and not separating.

XXXVI. Mistletoe family. Parasites. Stamens on, or opposite to the petals. Leaves usually opposite. Ovary one-celled.

XXXVII. Cornel family. Leaves usually opposite. Stamens alternate with the petals. Style one.

Subclass 3. MONOPETALS.—Petals united (at least at the base) into a single corolla.

§ 1. *Corolla epigynous, bearing the stamens.*

XXXVIII. Honeysuckle family. Leaves opposite. No stipules. Ovary 2- or more celled.

XXXIX. Stellate tribe (of the Madder family). Stipules like the leaves in appearance, and forming whorls with them round the stem. Ovary 2-celled, with one seed in each cell.

XL. Valerian family. Stamens fewer than the lobes of the corolla. Ovary and fruit one-seeded.

XLI. Teasel family. Florets in compact heads or spikes. Stamens isomerous. Anthers free. Ovary and fruit one-seeded.

XLII. Composite family. Florets in compact heads. Stamens isomerous. Anthers united in a ring round the style. Ovary and fruit one-seeded.

§ 2. *Stamens free from the corolla.*

XLIII. Campanula family. Herbs. Stamens as many as the corolla-lobes. Anthers opening longitudinally.

XLIV. Heath family. Shrubs. Stamens usually twice as many as the corolla-lobes. Anthers opening in pores or cross valves.

§ 3. *Corolla hypogynous, bearing the stamens.*

* *Placenta free central.*

XLV. Primrose family. Stamens isomerous and opposite the corolla-lobes.

XLVI. Pinguicula family. Corolla very irregular. Stamens fewer than the lobes and alternate with them.

** *Placentas parietal, or in the axial angle of the cells.*

a. Corolla regular, or nearly so.

XLVII. Holly family. Trees or shrubs, flowers small. Ovary 4- or more celled, with one ovule in each cell.

XLVIII. Jessamine family. Trees or shrubs. Stamens 2, alternating with the 2 ovary-cells, and having no constant relation to the corolla-lobes.

XLIX. Periwinkle family. Corolla contorted. Stamens isomerous. Ovary of 2 carpels, usually distinct, whilst the styles are united at the top.

L. Gentian family. Bitter plants. Corolla contorted. Stamens isomerous. Placentas parietal, rarely meeting in the axis.

LI. Polemonium family. Corolla contorted. Stamens isomerous. Ovary 3-celled, with several seeds.

LII. Convolvulus family. Corolla plaited. Stamens isomerous. Ovary 2- or 3-celled, with 2 (rarely 1) ovule in each, often separated by an additional false partition.

LIII. Borage family. Stamens isomerous. Ovary 2- or 4-lobed, with one ovule in each lobe.

LIV. Solanum family. Stamens isomerous. Corolla plaited or imbricate. Ovary two-celled, with several ovules in each cell.

β. Corolla irregular. Stamens one less or 3 less than the lobes.

LV. Broomrape family. Leafless parasites. Placentas parietal, or rarely meeting in the axis.

LVI. Scrophularia family. Ovary 2-celled, with several ovules in each cell.

LVII. Labiate family. Ovary 4-lobed, with one ovule in each lobe.

LVIII. Vervein family. Ovary entire, 2- or 4-celled, with one ovule in each cell.

**** Anomalous families.*

LIX. Plumbago family. Ovary with one cell and ovule, but several styles.

LX. Plantain family. Corolla scarious. Stamens isomerous.

Subclass 4. Monochlamyds.—Perianth really or apparently simple, or none.

LXI. Goosefoot family. Perianth small; stamens alternate with its lobes. Ovary with one cell and ovule, but 2 or more styles, or stigmas. No stipules.

LXII. Polygonum family. Perianth small. Ovary with one cell and ovule, but 2 or more styles or stigmas. Stipules sheathing.

LXIII. Daphne family. Stamens inserted in the tube of the perianth, and usually double the number of its lobes. Ovary free, with one pendulous ovule. One style.

LXIV. Elæagnus family. Shrubs or trees, with scurfy leaves. Flowers mostly unisexual. Ovary free in the bottom of the perianth-tube, with one erect ovule.

LXV. Sandalwood family. Perianth-lobes valvate. Ovary inferior, 1-celled with 2 or 3 pendulous ovules. Styles simple.

LXVI. Aristolochia family. Perianth irregular, or 3-lobed. Stamens 6 or 12. Ovary inferior, 3- or 6-celled, with numerous ovules.

LXVII. Euphorb family. Flowers unisexual. Fruit separating into 3 (rarely 2 or more) carpels, leaving a persistent axis, each carpel containing one or two pendulous seeds.

LXVIII. Empetrum genus or family. Differs from the Euphorb family in the ovules and seeds erect.

LXIX. Ceratophyll and Callitriche. Anomalous aquatic genera. Perianth none. Ovary with 1 or 4 cells, and one seed in each.

LXX. Nettle family. Flowers unisexual, small and green. Stamens opposite the perianth-divisions (usually 4). Ovary free, with a single ovule, and 2 (rarely 1) styles or stigmas.

LXXI. Elm tribe or family. Trees. Flowers often bisexual, the stamens opposite the lobes. Ovary free, 2-celled, with one erect ovule in each cell.

LXXII. Catkin family. Trees or shrubs. Flowers unisexual, the males in catkins with an imperfect perianth, or none at all. Fruit of the females one-celled.

LXXIII. Pine family or class. Trees or shrubs with stiff or scale-like leaves. Flowers unisexual, the males in catkins without perianth. Ovules and seeds in the females not enclosed in any ovary or pericarp.

CLASS II.—MONOCOTYLEDONS.

In germination the plumule is developed from a sheath-like cavity on one side of the embryo.

* *Perianth none, or of 4 small sepals or bracts.*

LXXIV. Bulrush family. Flowers unisexual, intermixed with bracts in dense heads or spikes. Fruit a dry nut.

LXXV. Arum family. Flowers unisexual, often intermixed with bracts, in dense heads or spikes, mostly in a spatha. Fruit usually succulent.

LXXVI. Duckweed genus. No distinct stem. Flowers (very scarce) on the edge of the small leaf-like floating fronds.

LXXVII. Naias family. Floating or submerged plants. Flowers distinct, or in loose spikes. Stamens 1, 2, or 4. Ovaries 1, 2, or 4.

** *Perianth wholly or partially petal-like. Ovary apocarpous.*

LXXVIII. Alisma family; the only British one.

*** *Perianth wholly or partially petal-like. Ovary inferior.*

LXXIX. Hydrocharis family. Floating or submerged plants. Flowers usually unisexual. Perianth regular, with a slender tube.

LXXX. Orchid family. Perianth very irregular. Anther 2-celled, combined with the style in an axile column.

LXXXI. Iris family. Like the Amaryllis family, but stamens 3. Leaves often in two opposite rows.

LXXXII. Amaryllis family. Terrestrial plants. Perianth of 6 divisions. Stamens 6.

LXXXIII. Yam family. Twining plants. Flowers unisexual. Perianth regular, of 6 divisions.

*** *Perianth regular. Ovary syncarpous, superior.*

LXXXIV. Lily family. Perianth petal-like.

LXXXV. Rush family. Perianth stiff, or calyx-like. Capsule 3-celled, with several seeds, or one erect seed in each cell.

LXXXVI. Restio family. Perianth calyx-like. Flowers unisexual. Ovary with one pendulous ovule in each cell.

**** *Perianth rudimentary or none, replaced by chaffy scales or bracts enclosing the flowers.*

LXXXVII. Sedge family. Leaf-sheaths entire. Each flower in the axil of one bract.

LXXXVIII. Grass family. Leaf-sheaths split open opposite the blade. Each flower enclosed in two bracts.

CLASS III.—CRYPTOGAMS.

No true flowers; that is, no stamens or pistils.

LXXXIX. Clubmoss family. Spores in closed capsules on the stem, or in the axils, or in the base of the leaves.

XC. Equisetum family. Stems jointed, with whorled branches. Spores under peltate scales, in terminal heads or spikes.

XCI. Fern family. Spores in minute cases or capsules clustered on the back or margins of the fronds.

The remaining families of British Cryptogams are not included in the present Flora.

Class I. DICOTYLEDONS.

Stem consisting of a pith in the centre, of one or more concentric circles containing fibrous tissue, and of the bark on the outside. Seeds with two cotyledons, the young stem in germination proceeding from between the two lobes of the embryo, or from a notch in its summit.

The above characters are all that can be said to be constant to separate *Dicotyledons* from *Monocotyledons*. They are however in most cases very difficult to observe, and yet the distinction is essential, for these two great classes have each their peculiar aspect, which, after a very little habit, the botanist will in most cases recognize at a glance. All British trees and shrubs are *Dicotyledons*, so also are all plants with opposite, or whorled, or netted-veined leaves (except *Paris* and a few aquatic plants), and almost all those which have the parts of the flower in fours, fives, or eights.

I. THE RANUNCULUS FAMILY. RANUNCULACEÆ.

Herbs with alternate or radical leaves, or, in one genus, climbers with opposite leaves, the leafstalk in both cases generally dilated at the base without stipules, the leaf often cut, and the flowers solitary or in terminal racemes or panicles. Sepals distinct, more than 2 (usually 5). Petals distinct, usually 5, but sometimes either deformed or very minute, or altogether wanting. Stamens indefinite, usually numerous, inserted on the receptacle. Carpels several, distinct or partially united (very rarely reduced to a single one), each bearing a distinct style and enclosing a single cell, with one or more ovules or seeds attached to the base or to the inner angle of the cavity. Seed containing a copious albumen, with a minute embryo.

Although, from the variable nature of the flowers, especially of the petals, the above character may be somewhat vague, yet the great majority of *Ranunculaceæ* are easily distinguished by their numerous, free, hypogynous stamens, and by their distinct carpels. Where, as in *Mousetail*, the stamens are few, the carpels are numerous; and, on the other hand, if in *Actæa* and some *Larkspurs* the carpels are solitary, they are unilateral, with the ovules attached to one side or angle of their single cell, showing that they are

simple, not composed of the union of several, as is the case with the central ovaries of the *Poppy* and *Cistus* families, which have either several cells of several rows of ovules. Another very distant Order, which may at first sight be confounded with the present one, is that of the *Alismas*, among Monocotyledons; but besides the microscopical character derived from the embryo, there are but three petals and sepals, as in most other Monocotyledons, a rare circumstance in the *Ranunculus* family.

Ranunculaceæ are widely diffused over the globe, but more especially in temperate or cool climates. Within the tropics they are, with the exception of *Clematis*, almost confined to high mountain-ranges. Most of the principal genera are represented in our Flora.

Climber with opposite leaves. Carpels one-seeded. Sepals coloured . . . 1. Clematis.
Herbs with alternate or radical leaves.
Carpels several or numerous, short, one-seeded. Flowers always regular.
Sepals 4, 5, or more, often coloured and petal-like, but no real petals.
An involucre of three leaves outside the flower or on the stalk . . 3. Anemone.
No involucre. Floral leaves alternate. Stamens longer than the sepals . . . . . 2. Thalictrum.
Petals 5 or more, usually more conspicuous than the sepals.
Carpels very numerous, in a long, cylindrical column. Petals very small, with a tubular claw . . . . . 5. Mousetail.
Carpels in a globose or oblong head. Petals flat.
Petals (usually yellow or white) with a little scale, or a thickened hollow spot at the base of each . . . . . 6. Ranunculus.
Petals (usually red) without any scale or thickened spot at the base . . . . . 4. Adonis.
Carpels several, each with several seeds.
Flowers very irregular or spurred.
Upper sepal helmet-shaped, without a spur . . . . . 12. Aconite.
Upper sepal with a long spur at the base . . . . . 11. Larkspur.
Sepals flat and regular. Petals with a spur at the base of each 10. Columbine.
Flowers regular.
Sepals large, often coloured. Petals small or none.
Sepals bright yellow and petal-like. Real petals none . . . 7. Caltha.
Sepals pale yellow and petal-like. Petals small, flat, and linear 8. Trollius.
Sepals greenish. Petals small and tubular . . . . . 9. Hellebore.
Sepals green, smaller than the large red or white petals . . . 14. Pæony.
Carpels solitary, with several seeds.
Fruit a capsule. Flowers spurred . . . . . 11. Larkspur.
Fruit a berry. Flowers nearly regular, small . . . . . 13. Actæa.

Among old inhabitants of our gardens, which may sometimes be found to spread spontaneously, are the exotic genera *Eranthis* (Winter Aconite of our gardeners) and *Isopyrum*, both closely allied to *Hellebore*, and *Nigella* (Devil-in-the-bush), which differs from *Hellebore* in the more petal-like sepals, and the carpels closely connected together to the middle, but diverging at the top into five long points.

I. **CLEMATIS.** CLEMATIS.

Stem usually climbing, and often woody at the base. Leaves opposite. Sepals 4 or 5, valvate in the bud, coloured and petal-like. No real petals. Stamens numerous. Carpels numerous, 1-seeded.

A numerous genus, well characterized, widely spread over the globe, and almost the only representative of the Order in tropical climates. Several European, Asiatic, and North American species are among the hardy climbers cultivated in our gardens.

1. Common Clematis. Clematis Vitalba, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 612. *Traveller's Joy, Old Man's Beard.*)

A large climber, the only indigenous plant which may give a faint idea of the bush-ropes of the tropics. Its woody stems will attain even the thickness of the wrist and a length of several yards, whilst the young branches spread to a great extent over shrubs and trees, clinging by their twisted petioles. Leaves pinnate, usually with five ovate stalked segments. Flowers greenish-white, in loose panicles at the ends of short, axillary or terminal branches. Carpels, when ripe, very conspicuous from the persistent styles, which grow out into long, feathery awns.

In hedges, thickets, and open woods in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus. Abundant in several of the southern and some of the central counties of England, and naturalized in Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

II. THALICTRUM. THALICTRUM.

Herbs with a short, perennial rootstock, annual, erect stems, and much divided leafstalks, bearing distinct segments or leaflets. Sepals 4 or 5, small, coloured and petal-like, but no real petals. Stamens numerous, with long anthers projecting beyond the calyx. Carpels several, 1-seeded, furrowed, and usually acute at both ends.

A considerable genus generally diffused over the northern hemisphere, distinguished from *Actæa* by the distinct one-seeded carpels, from all others of the Order, by the thin texture of the sepals, almost concealed by the prominent stamens, and the peculiar foliage. The species are very variable and difficult to characterize. They have also been much multiplied by modern botanists, but if many of their forms be considered as mere varieties, and the British species limited to three, their characters are more striking.

Stem simple, seldom 6 inches high . . . . . 1. *Alpine T.*
Stem one or more feet high.
  Leaflets roundish; panicle diffuse; flowers mostly drooping . . . 2. *Lesser T.*
  Leaflets obovate or wedge-shaped; panicle compact; flowers mostly erect . . . . . 3. *Yellow T.*

Some foreign European species are to be met with in old gardens, especially the tall, handsome *T. aquilegifolium.*

1. Alpine Thalictrum. Thalictrum alpinum, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 262.)

Stem usually simple and almost leafless, from 4 to 6 inches high. Leaves mostly radical, about half the height of the stem, with the footstalk twice divided into three or five branches; leaflets small, roundish and crenate or lobed. Panicle nearly reduced to a simple raceme. Flowers few and drooping, each with 4 small sepals. Stamens from 10 to 20. Carpels generally reduced to 2 or 3. Pedicel of the fruit recurved, as well as that of the flower.

An alpine plant, frequent in the mountains of northern Europe and Asia, and at considerable elevations in the great mountain-chains of central and southern Europe and central Asia. Abundant in the Highlands of Scotland; more local in Ireland, in northern England, and North Wales. *Fl. summer.*

2. Lesser Thalictrum. **Thalictrum minus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 11. *T. majus*, Eng. Bot. t. 611, and *T. flexuosum*, Bab. Man.)

A very variable species; in dry limestone soils often not more than a foot high, of a glaucous hue, or slightly downy; in moist, rich situations (where however it is seldom found) it is much larger and greener, but readily distinguished from the following species by its loose panicle occupying a great part of its height; the pedicels also are as long or longer than the flower, and recurved at least before the flower is expanded, although it becomes erect as the fruit ripens. Stem usually in zigzag, making a bend at every node. Petioles, especially of the lower and root-leaves, three or four times divided, with very numerous, small leaflets, roundish or broadly wedge-shaped, trifid and toothed. Flowers usually of a pale greenish-yellow, with a pink tinge on the sepals. Stamens numerous, with long, narrow anthers. Carpels from 3 to 5 or 6, very acute and strongly furrowed.

In dry situations, chiefly in limestone countries, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Scattered over Britain, chiefly in Scotland and north-western England, but not common. *Fl. summer.* Several varieties, distinguished by size, colour, pubescence, luxuriance of foliage, etc., or by the lower leaves being fully developed or reduced to mere sheaths, have been described as species by Continental botanists; and three or four of these forms have been mentioned as British, but their characters are exceedingly vague and uncertain.

3. Yellow Thalictrum. **Thalictrum flavum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 367. *Meadow Rue.*)

The largest of the British species, being generally from 2 to 3 feet in height and of a deeper green than the last. Stem stout and furrowed. Leaves large, the stalks two or three times divided, the leaflets much fewer than in the *lesser T.*, but larger, being often an inch in length, obovate or wedge-shaped at the base. Panicle compact and rather corymbose. Pedicels short and erect even before the flower expands. Flowers, especially the stamens, decidedly yellow.

In moist meadows, and along ditches, in Europe and Russian Asia, scarcely extending so far north as the *lesser T.* Found in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland, but not very common. *Fl. summer.* Here again some botanists distinguish several species, according as the rootstock is more or less creeping, or whether sessile leaflets resembling stipules are or not formed at the base of the branches of the petiole.

III. **ANEMONE.** ANEMONE.

Rootstock perennial. Leaves radical. Flower-stem naked, excepting an involucre of three leaves usually at a considerable distance from the flowers. Sepals 5 or more, frequently 6, coloured and petal-like, longer than the stamens. No petals. Stamens numerous. Carpels numerous, one-seeded, pointed or ending in a long feathery awn.

A large genus, found in almost all temperate regions of the globe, chiefly characterized by the three leaves placed in a whorl, from halfway up the flowering stem to very near the flowers, according to the species. When much divided, these leaves may appear at first sight to be more numerous,

but they always form a single whorl, and when closely examined they will always be found united at the base into three.

Flowers purple, silky outside. Carpels ending in feathery awns . . 1. *Pasque A.*
Flowers white or pink, glabrous. Carpels ending in a point . . . . 2. *Wood A.*

Several species from continental or southern Europe, are cultivated in our gardens, especially the *A. pratensis*, the *Hepatica* (*A. Hepatica*), which has the involucre so close to the flower as to assume the appearance of a calyx. Two other South European species the *Apennine A.* (*A. apennina*, Eng. Bot. t. 1062) and the *yellow A.* (*A. ranunculoides*, Eng. Bot. t. 1484), both with the habit and carpels of the *wood A.*, but the one with bright blue, the other with yellow flowers, appear to have occasionally strayed into our woods and plantations, and have therefore been included in most British Floras.

1. **Pasque Anemone. Anemone Pulsatilla,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 51. *Pasque-flower.*)

Rootstock thick and woody. Radical leaves on long stalks, covered when young with silky hairs, and two or three-times divided into long linear segments. Flower-stalk 5 to 8 inches high, with the involucre at first near the flower, but becoming gradually more remote as the fruit ripens, and consisting of three sessile leaves, deeply cut into linear segments. Flower solitary, large, with 6 sepals of a dull violet-purple, very silky outside. Awns of the carpels long and feathery, like those of a *Clematis*.

In open limestone pastures, in the greater part of Europe and Russian Asia, but not very far northwards. Distributed over several parts of England, but wanting in Scotland. *Fl. spring.*

2. **Wood Anemone. Anemone nemorosa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 355.)

Rootstock black and horizontal, emitting from its extremity two or three leaves and a single flower-stalk, all glabrous or but slightly downy. Leaf-stalks long, with three ovate or lanceolate leaflets, toothed or lobed, or often divided almost to the base into three similarly shaped segments. Peduncle 3 to 6 or 8 inches high, the involucral leaves at about two-thirds of its height, like the radical ones, but smaller, with shorter stalks. Sepals 6, white or reddish outside, and perfectly glabrous. Carpels downy, with a point nearly as long as themselves, but not feathery.

Common in and near woods, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. early spring.*

IV. **ADONIS.** ADONIS.

Characters those of *Ranunculus*, except that the petals have no nectary, although they are often more deeply coloured at the base, and that the seed is suspended, not erect, in the carpel.

The species are few, chiefly from southern Europe and western Asia, and have mostly red or straw-coloured flowers.

1. **Common Adonis. Adonis autumnalis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 308. *Pheasant's Eye.*)

An erect annual, from 8 inches to a foot or rather more, glabrous or

slightly downy. Leaves finely divided into numerous narrow linear segments. Sepals green or slightly coloured. Petals 5 to 8, rather longer than the calyx, of a bright scarlet, with a dark spot at the base. Carpels numerous, and rather large, arranged in a head at first ovate or oblong, but which often lengthens considerably and becomes cylindrical as the fruit ripens.

In cornfields, in central and southern Europe and western Asia. Not very common in Britain, but appears occasionally, especially in the warmer counties of England and Ireland, and sometimes in Scotland. *Fl. summer and early autumn.* A variety with larger flowers was formerly much cultivated in flower-gardens under the name of *Flos Adonis.*

V. **MOUSETAIL.** MYOSURUS.

Annuals with entire leaves. Sepals 5. Petals 5, small, linear, with tubular claws. Stamens few. Carpels small, one-seeded, very numerous, arranged in a long and dense cylindrical spike. Ovule attached near the top of the cell.

A genus containing besides the European species but one other one from western America, and chiefly distinguished from the small-flowered *Ranunculuses* by the tubular claw of the petals, and from most of that genus by the attachment of the ovule.

1. **Common Mousetail. Myosurus minimus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 435. *Mousetail.*)

A small annual with linear radical leaves, sometimes not an inch long, sometimes attaining 2 or even 3 inches, including their long footstalk. Peduncles also radical, rather longer than the leaves, often enlarged and hollow at the top, with a single small yellowish flower. Sepals prolonged below their insertion into a kind of spur. Petals rarely longer than the calyx, and very narrow. Carpels very numerous, forming a head which lengthens into a close slender spike, 1 or even 2 inches in length.

In moist sandy or gravelly fields and waste places, in Europe, Russian Asia, northern and western America and Australia. Not uncommon in the south and south-east of England, rare in Scotland, and not yet detected in Ireland. *Fl. spring.*

VI. **RANUNCULUS.** RANUNCULUS.

Annual or perennial herbs, sometimes entirely aquatic. Leaves entire or more or less divided. Flowers usually yellow or white. Sepals 5, very rarely reduced to 3. Petals 5, or sometimes more, each with a thickened hollow spot at the base, often covered by a minute scale. Stamens usually numerous. Carpels numerous, without awns, in a globular or oblong head, each containing a single ovule attached near its base.

A numerous genus widely spread over the temperate regions of the globe and even found under the tropics. It is easily distinguished from *Anemone* by the want of the involucre. The so-called *nectary* at the base of the petals, which separates it from *Adonis*, is sometimes reduced to a slightly discoloured, concave spot. In the small-flowered species one or more of the petals are often wanting, and the stamens reduced to very few.

Flowers white. Plant floating in water or creeping in mud . . 1. *Water R.*
Flowers yellow. Plant terrestrial or not floating.
Leaves all undivided.
Petals 5, or fewer.
Carpels with a stout beak. Stem erect, 2 feet or more. Flowers large . . . . . 2. *Great R.*
Carpels with a short point. Stems seldom above a foot, often decumbent. Flowers little more than half an inch in diameter or smaller.
Petals much longer than the calyx. Leaves mostly narrow . . . . . 3. *Spear R.*
Petals very small. Leaves mostly ovate or broad lanceolate . . . . . 4. *Snaketongue R.*
Petals more than 5, usually 8 or 9 . . . . . 5. *Figwort R.*
Leaves divided or deeply cut.
Carpels smooth or slightly tuberculate near the edge. Rootstock (in all but 6 and 11) perennial.
Leaves glabrous or very slightly downy.
Petals conspicuous, bright yellow. Carpels downy, in a globular head . . . . . 7. *Wood R.*
Petals very small. Carpels small, numerous, in an ovate or oblong head . . . . . 6. *Celery-leaved R.*
Leaves hairy.
Calyx spreading but not reflexed.
Stems erect without runners. Lower leaves palmately divided . . . . . 8. *Meadow R.*
Runners creeping and rooting. Central division of the lower leaves projecting beyond the others . . . 9. *Creeping R.*
Calyx closely reflected on the peduncle.
Rootstock or thickened base of the stem perennial. Carpels perfectly smooth . . . . . 10. *Bulbous R.*
Annual. Carpels marked with a few tubercles within the margin . . . . . 11. *Hairy R.*
Carpels covered with tubercles or prickles. Annuals.
Leaves glabrous, segments narrow. Carpels very prickly. Plant erect . . . . . 13. *Corn R.*
Leaves hairy, segments broad. Carpels tuberculate. Stems weak . . . . . 12. *Small-flowered R.*

The showy *double Ranunculus* of our gardens belongs to a Levant species (*R. asiaticus*). Double-flowered varieties of several others, especially of our common yellow *Buttercups*, and of the white-flowered Continental *R. aconitifolius*, are known to our gardeners under the name of *Bachelor's buttons*.

1. **Water Ranunculus. Ranunculus aquaticus,** Linn.

A most variable species, but easily known by its stem either floating in water, or creeping along mud, by its white flowers, and very small ovoid carpels marked with transverse wrinkles. It is glabrous in all its parts, excepting sometimes the carpels and their receptacle. When floating, the lower leaves and sometimes all, remain under water, and are divided into numerous very fine linear segments, whilst those which spread on the surface are rounded and more or less cut into 3 or 5 wedge-shaped, obovate, or rounded lobes. When creeping in mud or in very shallow water, the leaves are often all orbicular and broadly lobed. Flower-stalks axillary and 1-flowered. Petals 5 or sometimes more, without any scale over the spot at their base.

In ponds, streams, and wet ditches throughout Europe and Russian Asia, North America, and Australia. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. the whole season.* Many of the forms it assumes are striking, and have been distinguished as species, but the characters, although often to a certain degree permanent, appear at other times so inconstant, and even to depend so much on the situation the plant grows in, that we can only consider them as mere varieties. The following are the most prominent.

a. *Floating water R.* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2870.) All the leaves submerged and finely cut, the segments long and parallel. Flowers large, on long stalks.—Chiefly in running streams.

b. *Capillary water R.* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2869.) All the leaves submerged and finely cut, but with shorter segments spreading in every direction. Flowers large.—Chiefly in deep still waters.

c. *Common water R.* (Eng. Bot. t. 101.) Lower leaves submerged and finely cut; upper leaves floating, rounded and broadly lobed. Flowers very variable in size.—The commonest state of the plant, passing into all the other varieties.

d. *Ivy water R.* (*R. hederaceus*, Eng. Bot. t. 2003.) All the leaves floating or spread on the mud, rounded and broadly lobed. Flowers very small. Carpels and receptacle quite or nearly glabrous, whilst in the preceding varieties there are often hairs, at least on the receptacle.—In shallow water and mud. The *R. cœnosus* is the same variety, with flowers twice as large, and the *R. tripartitus* comprises several forms intermediate between these two and the common variety.*

2. **Great Ranunculus. Ranunculus Lingua,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 100. *Great Spearwort.*)

Rootstock emitting a dense mass of fibrous roots, and perennial by means of creeping runners. Stems erect, stout, and hollow, 2 or 3 feet high, the lower nodes emitting whorls of fibrous roots. Leaves long, lanceolate, entire or with only a few small teeth at the edge, glabrous, with a few nearly parallel veins. Flowers above an inch in diameter, in a kind of loose panicle; the petals of a bright shining yellow. Carpels ending in a short broad flat beak.

In marshes, wet ditches, and on the edges of lakes, over the greater part of Europe and Asia, but not an Arctic plant. Pretty frequent, though by no means general in England, Ireland, and Scotland, as far north as Moray. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Spear Ranunculus. Ranunculus Flammula,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 387. *Spearwort.*)

A glabrous perennial of short duration, or frequently only annual, much smaller and more slender than the *great R.* Stems usually more or less decumbent at the base, and rooting at the lower joints, seldom above a foot high, with a few loose branches. Lowest leaves often ovate, the remainder lanceolate or linear, and all entire or slightly toothed. Flowers yellow, on long peduncles, seldom more than half an inch in diameter, and often much smaller. Carpels in a small globular head, each with a very short, usually hooked beak.

In marshes and wet pastures, and on the borders of lakes and ponds, common throughout Europe, except perhaps the southern extremity, extending all over Russian Asia, and, at high latitudes, into North America. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. the whole summer.* It varies much in the size of its parts, the breadth of the leaves, etc.; and a not uncommon form, with slender creeping stems and small flowers, has been published as a species under the name of *R. reptans.*

* For further details on the proposed species of *water Ranunculus*, see Babington's 'Manual,' 4th edit. pp. 5 to 8, where characters are given for twelve.

4. **Snaketongue Ranunculus. Ranunculus ophioglossifolius,** Vill.
(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2833.)

Very nearly allied to the *spear R.* but said to be always annual. The stem is more erect and branched, the lower leaves broadly ovate, and sometimes slightly cordate, and all broader in proportion than in the *spear R.*, and the flowers smaller, the petals scarcely exceeding the calyx. Carpels minutely granulated.

In marshes in southern Europe, extending northward through western France to St. Peter's marsh in Jersey, where it was found by Mr. Babington. *Fl. June.*

5. **Figwort Ranunculus. Ranunculus Ficaria,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 584. *Lesser Celandine.*)

Rootstock small, emitting a number of oblong or cylindrical tubers, which are renewed annually. Leaves mostly radical, cordate, obtuse, angular or crenate, thick, smooth, and shining. Flower-stems usually scarcely longer than the root-leaves, bearing one or two small leaves and a single flower, with 3 sepals and 8 or 9 oblong petals, of a bright glossy yellow. Carpels rather large, in a globular head.

In fields, pastures, and waste places, a very common weed throughout Europe and western Asia. Abundant in Britain except perhaps the west Highlands of Scotland. *Fl. spring, one of the earliest that appears.* It varies occasionally with a slightly branched stem of 8 or 9 inches or even more.

6. **Celery-leaved Ranunculus. Ranunculus sceleratus,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 681.)

An erect, much branched annual, usually under a foot, but sometimes near two feet high, glabrous or nearly so. Stem thick and hollow. Lower leaves stalked, divided into three or more obtusely toothed or lobed segments, the upper ones sessile, with three narrow segments. Flowers small and numerous, the petals pale yellow, scarcely longer than the calyx, and without any scale over the hollow spot at their base. Carpels very small and numerous, in a dense head, which becomes oblong as the fruit ripens.

On the sides of pools and wet ditches, over nearly the whole of Europe and Russian and central Asia, and now spread into North America. Scattered pretty frequently through the chief part of Britain. *Fl. summer.*

7. **Wood Ranunculus. Ranunculus auricomus,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 624. *Goldilocks.*)

A perennial, with the large bright yellow flowers of the *meadow R.*, but not so tall, more glabrous, having only a few appressed hairs, especially in the upper parts, and the lower leaves less cut and more obtuse. Stem seldom above a foot high, erect and branched. Radical leaves on long stalks, rounded or reniform and but little cut. Stem-leaves few, sessile, divided to the base into narrow segments, which are entire or slightly toothed. Carpels of the size of those of the *meadow R.*, but downy.

In woods and bushy places in northern and central Europe and Russian and western Asia. Frequent in England and Ireland, less so in Scotland, and scarce in the Highlands. *Fl. spring.*

8. **Meadow Ranunculus. Ranunculus acris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 652. *Crowfoot. Buttercups.**)

A perennial, very variable in size, but generally one of the tallest of our species, more or less covered with soft hairs, which are mostly spreading, but deflexed on the lower parts of the stem, and appressed on the peduncles. Stems erect, often 2 or 3 feet high, but in poor or mountain stations sometimes not 6 inches. Leaves nearly all stalked and deeply divided into 3, 5, or 7 palmate segments, which are again cut into 3 toothed lobes, the divisions lanceolate and acute, those of the lower leaves broader and sometimes wedge-shaped, the upper ones narrower and fewer. Flowers rather large, bright yellow, on long terminal peduncles, forming usually large loose panicles. Sepals yellowish-green, concave, shorter than the petals, spreading horizontally, but not reflexed on the peduncle. Carpels ovate, compressed, glabrous, in a globular head.

In meadows and pastures, cultivated and waste places, very common throughout Europe and Russian Asia, and naturalized in North America. Very abundant in Britain. *Fl. early summer, and sometimes till late in autumn.* In mountain pastures it is often small, with only one or very few flowers.

9. **Creeping Ranunculus. Ranunculus repens,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 516.)

With the flowers and fruit of the *meadow R.*, this species is easily distinguished by the runners shooting from among the radical leaves, rapidly rooting and forming fresh plants at every node, by the flowering stems seldom above a foot high and less branched, by the hairs generally longer and looser, and by the leaves divided into three stalked segments, each one lobed and toothed, but the central one projecting considerably beyond the others, so as to give the whole leaf an ovate form, not the rounded one of the *meadow R.*

In pastures, cultivated and waste places throughout Europe, Russian Asia, and a portion of North America. In Britain almost as abundant as the *meadow R.*, and a very troublesome weed in rich soils. *Fl. all summer, and often till late in autumn.*

10. **Bulbous Ranunculus. Ranunculus bulbosus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 515.)

A perennial, much smaller and usually more hairy than the *meadow R.*, of which it has the bright yellow petals. Stem seldom above a foot high, and usually thickened at the base into a kind of bulb. Leaves more like those of the *creeping R.*, but smaller, divided into three segments more or less cut, but broader than in the *meadow R.* It is moreover distinguished from all but the *hairy R.* by the sepals, which, as soon as the flower expands, are closely reflected on the peduncle. Carpels glabrous and smooth.

In meadows, pastures, and waste places over the greater part of Europe, but disappearing in the north-east, scarcely penetrating into western Asia, but naturalized in North America. Abundant in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland, rare, if really wild, in the north. *Fl. early summer.*

* These names are popularly applied to nearly all the species of *Ranunculus* with bright yellow flowers and divided leaves.

11. **Hairy Ranunculus. Ranunculus philonotis,** Ehrh.
(*R. hirsutus*, Eng. Bot. t. 1504.)

An erect annual, much branched from the base, six inches to near a foot high, with the foliage and reflexed calyx of the *bulbous R.*, but the flowers more numerous, rather smaller, and of a paler yellow, and the hairs of the stem usually fewer and looser, although in this respect both species are variable. Carpels marked with a series of minute tubercles (visible especially when dry) within the rather broad margin.

In fields, cultivated and waste places, in central and southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus, and northward to southern Sweden. In most parts of England and southern Scotland, but not generally common, and rare in Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

12. **Small-flowered Ranunculus. Ranunculus parviflorus,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 120.)

A hairy annual, with weak, prostrate or ascending stems, from a few inches to about a foot in length. Leaves nearly orbicular, the lower ones 5-lobed or crenate, the upper ones divided into 3 or 5 segments, which are more or less lobed, but generally less so than in the *hairy R.* Peduncles short, mostly opposite to the leaves. Flowers small and yellow, the petals narrow, seldom exceeding the calyx. Carpels covered with small tubercles.

In cultivated and waste places in western and southern Europe. Not common in Britain, although occurring in many parts of England and Ireland; not known in Scotland. *Fl. spring and summer.*

13. **Corn Ranunculus. Ranunculus arvensis,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 135.)

An erect, branching, nearly glabrous annual, of a pale green, 6 to 18 inches high. Leaves deeply cut into narrow segments. Flowers small, of a pale yellow. Carpels few, rather large, much flattened, covered on both sides with conical, straight or hooked prickles.

A common and troublesome cornfield weed, in central and southern Europe and west central Asia. Very abundant in slovenly farms in southern England, but decreasing northwards. *Fl. and ripens its seed with the corn.*

VII. **CALTHA.** CALTHA.

Glabrous herbs, with a perennial stock and annual stems. Sepals about 5, large and yellow like the petals of *Ranunculus*, but no real petals. Stamens numerous. Carpels 5 to 10, laterally compressed, each with several seeds.

A genus of very few species, inhabitants of temperate and cold regions in both the northern and southern hemispheres.

1. **Marsh Caltha. Caltha palustris,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 506. *Marsh Marigold.*)

A perennial, forming large tufts, with a thick almost tuberous rootstock. Stems about a foot long, erect or decumbent, often rooting at the lower nodes, and but slightly branched. Leaves mostly radical, on long stalks, orbicular or kidney-shaped, cordate at the base and crenate on the margin. Flowers large, of a bright golden-yellow.

In marshy places, the sides of brooks, etc., throughout Europe, northern and central Asia, and northern America. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. spring, commencing early and often lasting till summer.* A small mountain variety, with a more decumbent stem, rooting at the joints, and a smaller flower: has been described as a species, under the name of *C. radicans* (Eng. Bot. t. 2175).

VIII. **TROLLIUS.** TROLLIUS.

Perennial herbs, with divided leaves and yellow flowers. Sepals 5 to 15, large and coloured like petals. Real petals about as many, small, linear, and flat. Stamens numerous. Carpels several, with several seeds in each.

Besides our species, the genus comprises but very few, all from northern Asia or America.

1. Globe Trollius. **Trollius europæus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 28. *Globeflower.*)

A glabrous, erect plant, 1 to 2 feet high, the stem simple or nearly so. Radical leaves not unlike those of the *meadow Ranunculus*, palmately divided into 3 or 5 segments, which are again lobed and cut. Stem-leaves few, smaller, and nearly sessile. Flowers large, of a pale yellow, with 10 to 15 broad concave sepals converging into a kind of globe, usually concealing the petals, stamens, and carpels.

In moist woods and mountain pastures, in northern and central Europe, and in the great mountain ranges of the South to the Caucasus. Not a common plant generally in Britain, yet pretty frequent from Wales to the Grampians, and in Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

IX. **HELLEBORE.** HELLEBORUS.

Perennial herbs, with palmately or pedately divided leaves, of a paler green and more rigid than in most other Ranunculaceous plants. Sepals 5, large, greenish (in the British species), remaining till the fruit is nearly ripe. Real petals 8 to 10, very small, tubular, 2-lobed at the top. Stamens numerous. Carpels several, rather large, each with several seeds.

A well-marked genus, but not numerous in species, chiefly south European and west Asiatic.

Flowers many, in a large panicle, with large ovate bracts. Sepals converging. 2. *Fetid H.*
Flowers usually 3 or 4. Sepals spreading . . . . . 1. *Green H.*

The *Winter Aconite* of our gardens, which has been occasionally met with in England, apparently wild, but probably only the remains of cultivation, was formerly considered as a species of *Hellebore*, but now forms the genus *Eranthis*. It is a small plant, with narrow, petal-like, yellow sepals, surrounded by an involucre of green, divided leaves. The white *Christmas Rose* is a true *Hellebore* (*H. niger*), from south-eastern Europe.

1. Green Hellebore. **Helleborus viridis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 200.)

Radical leaves large, on long stalks, divided into 7 to 11 oblong, acute, toothed segments, 3 to 4 inches long, the central ones free, the lateral ones on each side connected together at the base so as to form a pedate leaf.

Stem scarcely exceeding the leaves, bearing usually 2, 3, or 4 large, drooping flowers, of a pale yellowish-green, and at each ramification a sessile leaf, much less divided than the radical ones, and the segments usually digitate.

In pastures and thickets, especially in calcareous soils, and about old walls and ruins in western and central Europe, but not extending to the eastern frontier, nor far to the north. Recorded from many parts of England, but in most cases introduced. It may however be really indigenous in some of the southern and eastern counties. *Fl. early spring.*

2. **Fetid Hellebore.** **Helleborus fœtidus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 613. *Bear's-foot.*)

Lower leaves not all radical, but mostly raised on the short perennial base of the stems, forming a larger and thicker tuft than in the *green H.*, their segments narrower, less toothed, stiffer, and more shining, their outer lobes at a less distance from the central ones. Flower-stem above a foot high, with a large, close panicle of drooping flowers, of a pale green, often tinged with purple, the concave sepals giving them a globular form. Bracts at the ramifications of the panicle ovate and entire, or shortly two-lobed at the summit.

In stony places, chiefly in limestone districts, in southern Europe, extending here and there into central Europe, but neither a northern nor an eastern plant. It has been found in several parts of England, and said to be really wild in Hampshire, but, like the last, is in most cases an introduced plant. *Fl. early spring.*

X. **COLUMBINE.** AQUILEGIA.

Perennial herbs, with the leaves chiefly radical, ternately divided, with distinct stalked segments or leaflets. Sepals 5, coloured. Petals 5, each terminating below in a horn-shaped spur, projecting below the calyx. Stamens numerous. Carpels 5, each with several seeds.

A small but very distinct genus, widely spread over the temperate regions of the northern hemisphere, especially in mountain districts, in the new as well as in the old world.

1. **Common Columbine.** **Aquilegia vulgaris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 297.)

Radical and lower leaves in a large tuft, each with a long stalk, once, twice, or even three times ternately divided, the segments broad, 3-lobed and crenate, of a glaucous-green, glabrous, or with a few hairs underneath. Flower-stem 1½ to 2 feet or more high, bearing a loose panicle with a few leaves at its ramifications much less divided than the lower ones. Flowers large, drooping, blue, or of a dull purple.

In coppices and open woods in central and southern Europe and central Asia, extending northwards into Scandinavia. In Britain, often introduced, but now not uncommon, and believed to be really indigenous in several counties of England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. early summer.* In our gardens it sports much in the forms and colours assumed by the flowers.

The *Canada C.* (*A. canadensis*), and some other exotic species, are occasionally cultivated in our flower-gardens.

XI. **LARKSPUR.** DELPHINIUM.

Annual or perennial herbs, with much divided leaves, the segments usually palmate and narrow. Sepals 5, coloured, terminating below in a hollow spur. Petals, in the British species 2, combined into 1, which is lengthened into a spur within that of the calyx; in some exotic species the petals are 4, the two upper ones forming a spur. Carpels 1 to 5, each with several seeds.

A considerable genus, widely spread over the northern hemisphere without the tropics. It is as well marked as the *Columbines* and the *Aconites*, by the peculiar irregularities of the calyx and corolla.

1. **Field Larkspur. Delphinium Consolida,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1839.)

An erect annual, not above a foot high, glabrous or slightly hairy, the branches few and spreading. Radical leaves shortly stalked, the stem ones sessile, all divided into fine, linear, deeply cut segments. Flowers blue, or sometimes reddish or white, not numerous, in loose racemes, forming sometimes an irregular panicle. Spur of the calyx as long as the rest of the flower (each about 6 lines). Petals two only, their appendages united on the under side into an inner spur open along its upper edge. Carpel solitary.

A common weed of cultivation in the greater part of Europe and Russian Asia, and probably of south European origin. In Britain, abundant only in some of the eastern counties, but appearing occasionally in cornfields in other parts of England. *Fl. with the corn, or later, on the stubble.*

The common annual *Larkspur* of our gardens will also occasionally sow itself. It differs chiefly from the *field L.* in its long dense spike, its shorter spur, and in some marks at the base of the united petals, which have been compared to the letters A I A I, whence the name of *D. Ajacis.* Some larger perennial species are also cultivated in flower-gardens.

XII. **ACONITE.** ACONITUM.

Perennial herbs, with much divided leaves, the segments palmate. Sepals 5, coloured, the upper one helmet-shaped, the two lateral ones broader than the two lower. Petals 2 to 5, concealed within the calyx, the two upper ones forming small and irregular spurred bodies, on long stalks within the upper sepal, the three lower very small and linear, or wanting. Stamens numerous. Carpels 3 to 5, each with several seeds.

A natural genus, consisting chiefly of mountain plants, spread over the greater part of Europe and central Asia, represented also in northern America by a very few species.

1. **Common Aconite. Aconitum Napellus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2730. *Aconite, Monkshood,* or *Wolfsbane.*)

Stem firm and erect, 1½ to 2 feet high. Leaves stalked, or the upper ones nearly sessile, of a dark green, glabrous or slightly downy, divided to the base into 5 or 7 deeply cut, linear, pointed segments. Flowers large, dark blue, on erect pedicels, forming a handsome, dense, terminal raceme. The upper helmet-shaped sepal at first conceals the lateral ones, but is ultimately thrown back. Spur of the small upper petals short, conical, and more or less bent downwards. Carpels 3, often slightly united at the base.

In moist pastures and thickets and waste places, in mountainous districts, in central and southern Europe and Russian and central Asia, extending northwards into Scandinavia. In Britain perhaps only an introduced plant, but apparently wild in some shady places in western England and South Wales. *Fl. summer.*

Two or three exotic species are often cultivated in our perennial borders.

XIII. **BANEBERRY.** ACTÆA.

Perennial herbs, with the leaves chiefly radical, their stalk divided, the segments or leaflets distinct. Sepals 4, small, petal-like. Petals 4, small, on distinct claws. Stamens numerous, as long as or longer than the petals, with small anthers. Carpel solitary, becoming a berry when ripe, with several seeds.

A small genus, spread over the northern hemisphere, with much of the general habit of *Thalictrum*, but differing in the presence of both sepals and petals, in the anthers and fruit.

1. **Common Baneberry. Actæa spicata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 918. *Baneberry. Herb Christopher.*)

Radical leaves large, not unlike those of several *Umbellifers*, the stalk usually twice divided into 3 or 5 pinnately arranged branches, the segments or leaflets ovate, pointed, often 3-lobed, and coarsely toothed, of a deep green, and quite glabrous. Stem 1 to 2 feet high, with few leaves, much smaller than the radical ones. Flowers small, nearly white, in a short, loose, oblong, terminal raceme. Berries small, nearly black.

In mountain woods and pastures, in central and Eastern Europe, Russian Asia, and northern America, extending to the Arctic circle. In Britain very local, and only in northern England. *Fl. May.*

XIV. **PÆONY.** PÆONIA.

Large perennials, the leaves chiefly radical, with divided stalks and distinct segments or leaflets, the flowers large and handsome. Sepals 5, herbaceous. Petals 5 or more, much larger. Stamens numerous, inserted on a fleshy disk. Carpels 2 to 5, each with several seeds.

A very distinct genus, consisting of but very few species, indigenous in southern Europe and temperate Asia.

1. **Common Pæony. Pæonia officinalis,** Linn.

(*P. corallina*, Eng. Bot. t. 1513.)

Rootstock emitting a cluster of thick tuberous roots. Stem 1 to 2 feet high. Radical leaves twice ternate, the segments ovate, entire, or divided into two or three deep lobes. Flowers deep red. Carpels large and thick, very downy, and, when ripe, more or less recurved.

In hilly districts, in southern Europe and central Asia, from the Pyrenees to the Caucasus and Himalaya. Not indigenous to Britain, but appears to have been naturalized in the rocky clefts of the "Steep Holme" Island, in the Severn. *Fl. May or June.* The variety there found is the one usually considered as a species, under the name of *P. corallina*, the name of *P. offi-*

cinalis being reserved for some of the garden Pæonies, which are however mostly varieties produced by cultivation. The half-shrubby *Moutan* is a very distinct species, from China.

The *Magnolias* and *Tulip-trees* of our plantations belong to the *Magnolia* family, which has no European representative. They have, like the *Ranunculaceæ*, several distinct sepals, petals, stamens, and pistils, but they are always trees or shrubs, their leaf-buds are enclosed in membranous stipules, and the carpels usually cohere in a kind of cone.

II. THE BARBERRY FAMILY. BERBERIDEÆ.

Shrubs or herbs, with alternate or radical leaves, and no stipules. Sepals and petals distinct, 2, 3, 4, 6, or 8 each, but never 5. Stamens the same number as the petals, and opposite to them. Anthers opening by a valve or lid turned upwards. Ovary of a single carpel, with two or more ovules attached to the bottom or to one side of the cavity. Seeds albuminous.

A small family, spread over the temperate regions or tropical mountains of the globe. It is universally admitted by botanists, although the connection between the *Barberry* and the herbaceous genera associated with it appears at first sight rather artificial. There are however none of them British. The *Epimedium alpinum* (Eng. Bot. t. 438) has indeed been admitted into our Floras as growing in some mountainous spots in the north of England, but, as it is said, only where it had been planted. It is a native of south-eastern Europe. A Japanese *Epimedium* is also cultivated in our gardens.

I. BARBERRY. BERBERIS.

Shrubs, with usually prickly leaves. Sepals, petals, and stamens, 6 each. Fruit a berry.

A rather numerous genus, chiefly Asiatic and American. Many exotic species are cultivated in our gardens, either with simple leaves, like our own, or belonging to a section with pinnated leaves, sometimes considered as a genus, under the name of *Mahonia*.

1. Common Barberry. Berberis vulgaris, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 49.)

A glabrous pale green shrub, attaining 6 or 8 feet, the branches arched and hanging at the ends, armed with 3-lobed thorns at the base of the tufts of leaves. Leaves alternate or clustered, ovate, rather stiff, sharply toothed. Flowers yellow, in elegant drooping racemes, with a disagreeable smell. Berries small, red, oval or oblong, containing two or three seeds.

In hedges, thickets, and open woods, over the greater part of Europe and temperate Asia, to the Himalaya. In Europe it extends northwards into Scandinavia, but has been so frequently planted, that the real limits of its area cannot be ascertained. Scattered over Britain, but probably not really indigenous. *Fl. spring or early summer.*

III. THE WATERLILY FAMILY. NYMPHÆACEÆ.

Aquatic herbs, with a prostrate submerged rootstock, orbicular or peltate floating leaves, and large solitary flowers. Sepals few. Petals numerous, in several rows, passing gradually into the stamens, which are also very numerous, their anthers adnate. Carpels numerous, but either imbedded into the receptacle, or combined together so as to form a single ovary with many cells, each terminating in a sessile stigma. Seeds albuminous.

Waterlilies, although not numerous in species, are to be found floating on shallow, still, or gently running waters, in almost all parts of the world. They form an exceedingly natural group, of which several are in cultivation in our hothouses, including the gigantic *Victoria*, from tropical America, and the elegant *Nelumbo*, from tropical Asia.

Sepals greenish outside, about the size of the outer (white) petals . . 1. NYMPHÆA.
Sepals yellow, concealing the much smaller petals . . . . . 2. NUPHAR.

I. NYMPHÆA. NYMPHÆA.

Sepals about 4, like the outer petals, but greenish outside. Carpels numerous, imbedded in the thick receptacle so as to form as many cells, radiating from a common centre, whilst the petals and stamens are attached to the outside of the receptacle, nearly as high as the top of the cells. Stigmas as many as the cells, radiating on the surface of the ovary, each one extended into an erect, incurved, linear appendage, whilst the centre of the flower is occupied by the small conical summit of the receptacle. Fruit slightly pulpy, indehiscent.

This genus, generally spread over the globe, includes the greater number of the species of the Order, with white, blue, or red flowers.

1. White Nymphæa. Nymphæa alba, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 160. *White Waterlily.*)

Leaves deeply cordate, glabrous, usually about 6 or 8 inches in diameter. Flowers lying on the surface of the water, white, scentless, usually 3 to 4 inches in diameter.

In lakes or still waters, and slow rivers, extending all over Europe and northern and central Asia, although absent from particular localities. Generally distributed in Britain. *Fl. summer.* It may be occasionally seen with smaller flowers, and several varieties have been distinguished by minute but uncertain characters, in the forms of the anthers and stigmatic appendages.

II. NUPHAR. NUPHAR.

Sepals about 5 or 6, concave, yellow, much larger than the outer petals. Carpels numerous, and radiating as in *Waterlily*, but united into an ovary, raised on the top of the receptacle, and not imbedded in it. Stigmas as many as the cells, their appendages united into a flat disk upon which the stigmas themselves radiate.

The genus, besides the European species, comprises but one North American one.

1. **Yellow Nuphar. Nuphar lutea,** Sm.
(Eng. Bot. t. 159. *Yellow Waterlily.*)

Leaves very nearly as in the *white Waterlily*. Flowers yellow, raised two or three inches above the water, much less expanded and faintly scented, the concave sepals assuming a more globular form. Petals and stamens very numerous, but scarcely more than half the length of the sepals. Fruit globular, crowned by the stigmatic disk, indehiscent or bursting irregularly.

Fully as common, and in many places more so, than the *white Waterlily*, with the same geographical range; certainly more general in Britain. *Fl. all summer.* It varies much in size, and in the number of the stigmatic rays. A very small form, with a more indented stigmatic disk, found in the lakes of the north of Scotland, has been distinguished as a species under the names of *N. pumila* and *N. minima* (Eng. Bot. t. 2292).

IV. THE POPPY FAMILY. PAPAVERACEÆ.

Herbs, with alternate or radical leaves, usually much divided, and no stipules. Flowers regular. Sepals 2, rarely 3, falling off as the flower expands. Petals (in the European genera 4) crumpled in the bud. Stamens numerous, distinct. Ovary really 1-celled, with several many-seeded parietal placentæ; but these placentæ often project so far into the cavity, as almost, or even quite, to meet in the centre, dividing the ovary into as many imperfect cells. Fruit capsular, opening in pores or valves. Seeds albuminous, with a small embryo.

The *Poppy* family belongs almost exclusively to the north temperate zone, in both the old and new world, a single species, the *Mexican Argemone* or *Prickly Poppy*, having spread as a weed all over the tropics. The combination of 2 sepals and 4 petals easily distinguish the British genera from all other Polyandrous plants.

Ovary and fruit globular or oblong.
- Stigmas radiating on a sessile flat disk . . . . . 1. Poppy.
- Stigmas supported on a short but distinct style . . . . . 2. Meconopsis.

Ovary and fruit linear.
- Seeds crested. Flowers small, yellow . . . . . 3. Celandine.
- Seeds not crested.
  - Seacoast plant, with thickish leaves and large yellow flowers . . 5. Glaucium.
  - Cornfield weed, with rather large violet flowers . . . . . 4. Rœmeria.

The Californian *Eschscholtzias*, now so common in our gardens, belong to this family. *Platystemon*, a curious annual from the same country, also not unfrequently cultivated, is intermediate, as it were, between the *Poppy* and the *Ranunculus* families.

I. POPPY. PAPAVER.

Capsule globular, ovoid or slightly oblong, crowned by a circular disk,

upon which the stigmas radiate from the centre, internally divided nearly to the centre, into as many incomplete cells as there are stigmas, and opening in as many pores, immediately under the disk. Flowers rather large, red, white, or purplish in the British species, or pale yellow in some exotic ones.

A small genus, extending over Europe and temperate Asia, and introduced among weeds of cultivation into other parts of the world.

Plant glabrous and glaucous. Leaves toothed or slightly lobed, clasping the stem at their base . . . . . 1. *Opium P.*
Plant green, usually with stiff hairs. Leaves once or twice pinnately divided.
Capsule glabrous.
Capsule globular . . . . . 2. *Field P.*
Capsule oblong . . . . . 3. *Long-headed P.*
Capsule more or less hispid with stiff hairs or bristles.
Capsule nearly globular. Bristles numerous and spreading . . 4. *Rough P.*
Capsule oblong or obovoid. Bristles few and erect . . . . . 5. *Pale P.*

The yellow-flowered *P. nudicaule*, from the mountains of northern and central Europe and Asia, is occasionally cultivated in our gardens.

1. **Opium Poppy. Papaver somniferum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2145. *Garden Poppy.*)

An erect annual, of a glaucous green, glabrous, or with a few hairs on the pedunele, scarcely branched, about 2 feet high or more when cultivated. Leaves clasping the stem by their cordate base, oblong, irregularly toothed, and slightly sinuate or lobed. Flowers large, usually of a bluish white, with a purple base. Filaments slightly dilated at the top. Capsule large, globular, and glabrous.

A native of southern Europe and the Levant, but much cultivated in European gardens, and occasionally establishes itself in waste places. In Britain it assumes the appearance of a wild plant in several parts of England, especially near the sea, and in the fens of the eastern counties. *Fl. summer.* It is the species which supplies *Opium* and *Poppy heads*, and in our gardens varies much in the colour of the flowers, which are often very double.

2. **Field Poppy. Papaver Rhœas,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 645.)

An erect, branched, annual, 1 to 2 feet high or rarely more, with stiff spreading hairs or bristles. Lower leaves large, stalked, once or twice pinnately divided, the lobes lanceolate, pointed, and more or less cut. Flowers large, of a rich scarlet, with a dark eye, the filaments of the stamens not dilated. Capsule perfectly smooth, globular or slightly top-shaped, with 10 or more stigmatic rays.

In waste and cultivated places, in central and southern Europe and western Asia, disappearing in the north. In Britain chiefly a cornfield weed, abundant in England and Ireland, less so in Scotland, and scarce in the Highlands. *Fl. all summer.* Double-flowering varieties are often cultivated.

3. **Long-headed Poppy. Papaver dubium,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 644.)

Very near the *field P.*, but generally smaller and more slender, the leaves more cut, with narrower lobes, the hairs less spreading, and the flowers rather smaller. It is also more essentially distinguished by the capsule, which is oblong, often twice as long as broad, narrowed at the base, with fewer stigmatic rays.

In waste and cultivated places in Europe and western Asia, extending further north than the *field P.*, but not so generally common. In England and Ireland less frequent, but in Scotland said to be more so than the *field P.* *Fl. summer.*

4. **Rough Poppy. Papaver hybridum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 43.)

Nearly as tall as the *field P.*, but generally less branched, the leaves smaller, with stiffer and shorter segments, the hairs few and short. Flowers smaller, of a purplish red, usually with a dark spot in the centre. Filaments of the stamens dilated from the middle upwards. Capsule nearly globular, covered with stiff spreading bristles a little turned upwards at their points.

In waste and cultivated places in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, disappearing in northern Germany. In Britain rather rare, chiefly in sandy or chalky fields in England and Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

5. **Pale Poppy. Papaver Argemone,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 643.)

The weakest, and often the smallest of our red Poppies, the segments of the leaves few and narrow, the flowers rather small, of a pale red, often with a dark spot. Filaments of the stamens dilated as in the *rough P.* Capsule oblong, contracted at the base, with a few stiff hairs or bristles, especially towards the top, and more erect from the base than in the *rough P.*

Stations and geographical range about the same as those of the *field P.*, but much less common in Britain and central Europe. *Fl. summer.*

II. **MECONOPSIS.** MECONOPSIS.

Ovary ovoid, with a short but distinct style, and a slightly dilated stigma of 4 to 6 rays. Capsule opening at the top in as many short valves, the placentas inside lining the cavity, but not projecting to the centre.

A small genus, containing, besides the European species, a few others, from central Asia and north-western America.

1. **Welsh Meconopsis. Meconopsis cambrica,** Vig.
(*Papaver*, Eng. Bot. t. 66. *Welsh Poppy.*)

Stock perennial, forming, when old, large tufts, with thick, tapering roots. Stems erect, about a foot high. Leaves on long stalks, pale green and slightly hairy, pinnate, the segments distinct or slightly decurrent along the leafstalk, ovate or lanceolate, toothed or pinnately lobed. Flowers rather large, pale yellow, on long peduncles. Capsules narrow ovate or oblong, glabrous.

In rocky woods and shady places, in the hilly districts of western Europe, from Spain to Ireland, Wales, and a few of the western counties of England. *Fl. summer.*

III. **CELANDINE.** CHELIDONIUM.

Ovary linear, ending in a short style, with a small, slightly 2-lobed stigma. Capsule long and linear, opening from the base upwards, in two valves, the

placentas inconspicuous. Seeds with a small crest-like appendage next the hilum.

A genus now reduced to a single species.

1. **Common Celandine. Chelidonium majus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1581.)

Rootstock perennial. Stems erect, slender, branching, 1 to 2 feet high, full of a yellow fetid juice, and generally bearing a few spreading hairs. Leaves thin, glaucous underneath, once or twice pinnate, the segments ovate, coarsely toothed or lobed, the stalks often dilated into a kind of false stipules. Flowers small and yellow, 3 to 6 together, in a loose umbel, on a long peduncle. Pod nearly cylindrical, glabrous, 1½ to 2 inches long.

On roadsides and waste places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia except the extreme north. In Britain, chiefly near villages and old ruins. Frequent in England and some parts of Ireland, less so in Scotland. *Fl. all summer.*

IV. **RŒMERIA.** RŒMERIA.

Ovary linear, with a sessile stigma of 3 or 4 short rays. Capsule long and linear, opening from the summit downwards in 3 or 4 valves, the placentas inconspicuous. Seeds without any crest-like appendage.

A genus of two or three species, from the east Mediterranean region, perhaps all mere varieties of one.

1. **Common Rœmeria. Rœmeria hybrida,** DC.

(*Chelidonium*, Eng. Bot. t. 201.)

An annual very much resembling the *pale Poppy* in habit and foliage, and in its pale red-purplish flowers, but differing widely in its linear capsule, 1½ to 2 or 3 inches long, bearing a few erect, stiff hairs, and not divided into cells inside.

A Mediterranean species, appearing occasionally as a cornfield weed in central Europe, and said to be established as such in Cambridgeshire. *Fl. with the corn.*

V. **GLAUCIUM.** GLAUCIUM.

Ovary linear, contracted at the top into a 2-lobed stigma. Capsule linear, opening in 2 valves, leaving 2 free linear placentas, forming a thin, dry, spongy substance, in which the seeds are more or less imbedded.

The very few species comprised in the genus besides the British one, are from the Mediterranean region.

1. **Yellow Glaucium. Glaucium luteum,** Scop.

(*Chelidonium Glaucium*, Eng. Bot. t. 8. *Horned Poppy. Sea Poppy.*)

A stout annual, with hard spreading branches, very glaucous in all its parts. Leaves thick, the radical ones stalked, pinnately lobed or divided, the lobes ovate or lanceolate, sinuate or lobed, rough with short thick hairs, the upper ones shorter, broader, less divided, and smoother. Flowers on short peduncles, large and yellow, the petals very fugacious. Pods 6 to 10 or 12 inches long, crowned by the spreading lobes of the stigma.

On sandy sea-shores, common all round the Mediterranean, and up the western coast of Europe to Scandinavia. Frequent on the coasts of England and Ireland, but decreasing much in Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

V. THE FUMITORY FAMILY. FUMARIACEÆ.

Delicate glabrous herbs, either annual or with a perennial rootstock; the leaves much divided into distinct segments, and no stipules. Flowers very irregular. Sepals 2, small and scale-like. Petals 4, in two pairs, the two outer united at the base and often one or both spurred; the two inner narrow, their crested tips united over the stigma. Stamens 6, hypogynous, united into 2 sets of 3 each, the middle anther of each set having 2 cells, the lateral ones 1 cell each. Ovary of a single cell, with 2 placentas and several ovules, at least in a very young stage. Fruit a 1-seeded nut, or a pod with several seeds. Embryo small, at the base of the albumen.

A small family, spread over the temperate regions of the northern hemisphere, scarcely penetrating into the tropics, but reappearing in southern Africa. It was formerly considered as a tribe of the *Poppy* family, with which it agrees in the parts of the flower being in twos and in the structure of the ovary, but differs in the irregular flowers and definite stamens.

Fruit a small roundish nut with one seed . . . . . 1. FUMITORY.
Fruit an elongated pod with several seeds . . . . . 2. CORYDAL.

Some species of *Dielytra*, a North American and east Asiatic genus, are cultivated for the beauty of their flowers.

I. FUMITORY. FUMARIA.

One of the outer petals has a pouch or spur at its base. Fruit a small roundish green nut with a single seed, although the very young ovary has usually three or four ovules.

A genus of very few species, all apparently indigenous to the Mediterranean region, although the common one is now so widely spread over the globe.

1. Common Fumitory. Fumaria officinalis, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 589.)

A delicate annual, perfectly glabrous, and of a pale green colour, usually forming, when it commences flowering, a dense tuft of a few inches in height, but the stem will often grow out to the length of from 1 to 2 or 3 feet; it is then generally weak or trailing, and sometimes slightly climbing, supported by the twisted petioles. Leaves much divided into numerous segments, generally 3-lobed, the lobes varying in shape from narrow-linear to broadly lanceolate or oblong. Flowers in racemes of 1 to 2 inches, either terminal or opposite the leaves, dense at first, but often lengthening much as the flowering advances. Pedicels short, in the axil of a very small, scale-like, white or coloured bract. Sepals small, white, or coloured like the bracts, and often toothed. Petals oblong-linear, closed so as to form a tu-

bular corolla, with dark-coloured tips, the spur at the base giving it the appearance of being attached laterally to the pedicel. Nut usually about a line in diameter, not quite globular, being somewhat compressed laterally.

Common in cultivated and waste places in Europe and central Asia, disappearing at high northern latitudes, but carried out as a weed of cultivation to many parts of the globe. Abundant in England and southern Scotland, but decreases much in the north. *Fl. all summer and autumn.* It varies much in the form of the leaf-segments, in the size and colour of the flower, white or red, in the size and shape of the sepals, and in the precise shape of the nuts; and several distinct species are generally admitted, but they run so much one into another, that there is every probability of their being mere varieties. The most prominent British forms are—

a. *Rampant Fumitory* (*F. capreolata*, Eng. Bot. t. 943). A large luxuriant form, attaining a length of 2 or more feet; leaflets broad; flowers 4 or 5 lines long, white or pale-red, the sepals rather large, the nut nearly orbicular. About hedges and walls, much more common and more marked in southern Europe than in Britain.

b. *Common Fumitory.* Leaf-segments neither very broad nor very narrow; flowers red, about 3 lines long; nuts very blunt, or even depressed at the top, rather broader than long. Connected both with the preceding and the following by numerous intermediates, some of which are considered as species under the names of *F. media*, *F. agraria*, etc.

c. *Close-flowered Fumitory* (*F. densiflora* or *F. micrantha*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2876). Leaf-segments usually small; flowers smaller and in closer racemes than in the common variety, the sepals remarkably large in proportion to the corolla. Not uncommon in southern Europe, and scattered here and there over Britain and other parts of the area of the species.

d. *Small Fumitory* (*F. parviflora*, *Vaillantii*, etc., Eng. Bot. t. 590, and Suppl. t. 2877). Leaf-segments narrow; flowers scarcely 2 lines, white, or rarely red, sepals very small, sometimes quite minute. Very common in hot countries; rare, but occasionally met with in Britain.

II. **CORYDAL.** CORYDALIS.

One of the outer petals has a pouch or spur at the base as in *Fumitory*, but the fruit is a narrow pod, opening in two valves and containing several seeds, bearing near their hilum a little crest-like appendage.

The species are rather numerous, spread over Europe, Russian and central Asia, and northern America. The two British ones belong to the section *Capnoides*, in which the stems are branched and leafy, without tubers to the root. The *bulbous C.* (*C. solida*, Eng. Bot. t. 1471), from Continental Europe, often met with in our flower-gardens, has occasionally remained from cultivation in groves and shady places in some parts of England. It is a small plant, with a tuberous rootstock, simple stems, and rather large purplish flowers, belonging to the section *Bulbocapnos*.

Stem short, erect, much branched. Flowers yellow . . . . . 1. *Yellow C.*
Stem long, slender, climbing. Flowers whitish . . . . . 2. *Climbing C.*

1. **Yellow Corydal. Corydalis lutea,** DC.

(*Fumaria*, Eng. Bot. t. 588.)

An erect or spreading plant 6 or 8 inches high, either annual or forming a tufted stock of several years' duration. Leaves delicate and pale green,

much divided, the segments ovate or wedge-shaped, and cut into two or three lobes. Flowers in short racemes, pale yellow, about 6 lines long, with a short broad spur. Pod 3 or 4 lines long.

In stony places, in southern Europe, but having been long cultivated in flower-gardens, it has become naturalized on old walls and rubbish much further to the north, on the continent of Europe, as well as in some parts of England. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Climbing Corydal. Corydalis claviculata,** DC.
(*Fumaria*, Eng. Bot. t. 103.)

An annual with slender intricate stems, 1 to 2 feet long, climbing by means of the leaf-stalks, which usually terminate in delicate tendrils. Leaf-segments small, ovate or oblong, and often toothed or cut. Racemes or spikes short and compact at the extremity of the peduncles. Flowers small, white, with a slight yellow tinge, and a very short spur. Pod 2 or 3 lines long.

In hilly districts and stony situations, in western Europe, penetrating eastward into northern Germany, and here and there along the Mediterranean. Widely distributed over Britain, but not common, except in some parts of western and northern England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

VI. THE CRUCIFER FAMILY. CRUCIFERÆ.

Herbs, or rarely undershrubs, with alternate leaves and no stipules; the flowers in terminal racemes, which are generally very short or reduced to a corymb when the flowering commences, but lengthen out as it advances. Sepals 4. Petals 4, equal, or two (on the outer side) larger. Stamens 6, of which two are generally shorter or very rarely deficient. Ovary solitary, 2-celled. Style single, often very short or almost none, with a capitate or 2-lobed stigma. Fruit a pod, divided into 2 cells by a thin partition, from which the valves generally separate at maturity; or, in a few genera, the pod is one-celled or indehiscent, or separates transversely into several joints. Seeds without albumen, attached, in each cell, alternately, to the right and left edges of the partition.

An extensive and very natural family, widely spread over the globe, but chiefly in the northern hemisphere; scarce within the tropics, and in some districts entirely unknown. The number of sepals, petals, and stamens readily distinguish *Crucifers* from all other British plants, but the discrimination of the numerous genera into which they are distributed is a much more difficult task. The characters are necessarily derived chiefly from the pod and the seed, and are often very minute. It is therefore absolutely necessary, in order to name a *Crucifer*, to have the specimen in fruit, and to examine the seed it must be ripe; it should then be soaked and the outer coating carefully taken off, in order to lay bare the embryo, and observe the position of the radicle on the cotyledons, which is now considered as the most essential among the generic characters.

A few terms specially made use of in describing plants of this family may

require some explanation. The calyx is said to be *bisaccate* when two of the sepals, a little outside the two others, are broader at the base, forming little protuberances or pouches. The pod is termed *a silique* or *siliquose* when linear, at least three or four times as long as broad; *a silicule* or *siliculose* when short and broad—not twice as long as broad; and a *lomentum* or *lomentose* when it does not open in valves. The nerves on the pod, often used as a generic character, can be best seen on dried specimens; they are even sometimes quite imperceptible on the fresh pod. The seeds are said to be *in one row* when, from the narrowness of the pod or the length of the seed-stalk, they occupy the centre of the cell, the two rows being as it were blended into one; or *in two rows*, when the two rows are distinct without overlapping each other. In the embryo, the radicle is said to be *accumbent* when it is bent down on the edges of the cotyledons, *incumbent* when bent over the back of one of them; in the latter case the cotyledons are either flat or *conduplicate*, that is, folded longitudinally over the radicle.

It must be admitted, however, that, notwithstanding all these nice distinctions, the genera of *Crucifers*, as at present defined, are often as artificial as they are difficult. But as the remodelling them is not a work to be undertaken in a local Flora, I have selected, from those adopted in the best modern Floras, such as have appeared to me the most natural. The following Table is founded, as much as possible, on less minute characters, but, even in the few British species, it is feared that the examination of the seed cannot always be wholly dispensed with.

1 { Pod with a longitudinal partition, generally opening in two valves 2
  { Pod not dehiscent, with one seed, or with several seeds placed end to end and separated by transverse partitions (Lomentose) 30

2 { Pod at least 3 or 4 times as long as broad (Siliquose) 3
  { Pod not 3 times as long as broad (Siliculose) 15

3 Siliquose { Flowers white, purple, or red (never yellow) 4
           { Flowers yellow 11

4 { Petals large, on long claws, purple or rarely white. Stigmas 2, very short, erect and parallel 5
  { Petals small, or the claws scarcely longer than the calyx. Stigma entire 6

5 { Leaves hoary and soft. Stigmas thickened at the base. (Cotyledons accumbent.) 1. Stock.
  { Leaves green, with coarse hairs. Stigmas not thickened. (Cotyledons incumbent.) 8. Hesperis.

6 { Leaves all undivided 7
  { Leaves, at least the lower ones, pinnate 8

7 { Leaves all stalked, large and broad . . . . . 10. Alliaria.
  { Upper leaves sessile or auricled . . . . . 5. Rockcress.

8 { Seeds in two distinct rows in each cell. Pod rather short and curved. 4. Watercress.
  { Seeds blended into one row in each cell. Pod straight, long, or slender 9

9 { Stem-leaves undivided, narrowed at the base . . . . . 5. Rockcress.
  { Leaves all pinnate or divided 10

10 { Pod linear. Leaves without bulbs . . . . . 6. Bittercress.
   { Pod lanceolate-linear. Leaves usually with bulbs in their axils . . 7. Toothcress.

11 { All the leaves entire, or toothed only. Plant pale or hoary with minute appressed hairs 12
   { Leaves, at least the lower ones, pinnate or lobed at the base. Plant glabrous, or hairy with rough or spreading hairs 13

12 { Pod flattened. Cotyledons accumbent . . . . . 2. Wallflower.
   { Pod nearly quadrangular. Cotyledons incumbent . . . . . 11. Erysimum.

13 { Cotyledons accumbent. Pods ending in a style seldom above a line long. Plant glabrous, with lyrate or pinnate leaves 14
   { Cotyledons incumbent. Valves of the pod opening to close under the stigma. Plant hairy or glabrous, the leaves deeply pinnate . . . . . 9. Sisymbrium.
   { Cotyledons conduplicate. Pod ending in a beak or conical style, 1 to 6 lines long. Leaves irregularly pinnato, or lyrate, or the upper ones undivided. 12. Brassica.

14 { Pods not 6 lines long, on slender spreading pedicels . . . . . 4. Watercress.
{ Pods an inch or more, on stiff short pedicels . . . . . 3. Wintercress.

15 Siliculosæ { Pod globular or oblong, or compressed. The valves flat or convex, parallel to the *broad* partition 16
Pod compressed or flattened laterally, at right angles to the *narrow* partition. The valves boat-shaped 23

16 { Pod nearly globular or cylindrical 17
{ Pod evidently compressed or flattened. 21

17 { Minute aquatic plant with subulate leaves . . . . . 17. Awlwort.
{ Terrestrial plant with flattened leaves 18

18 { Flowers white. Cotyledons accumbent 19
{ Flowers yellow 20

19 { Plant glabrous. Pod globular or shortly ovoid . . . . . 13. Cochlearia.
{ Plant hoary or rough with short hairs. Pod somewhat flattened or oblong. 14. Alyssum.

20 { Leaves pinnately lobed, or, if entire, narrowed at the base. (Cotyledons accumbent.) 4. Watercress.
{ Leaves linear, in dense radical tufts. Flower-stems leafless . . . . 15. Draba.
{ Leaves entire or toothed, the upper ones auricled and clasping the stem. (Cotyledons incumbent.) . . . . . 16. Camelina.

21 { Petals deeply divided. (Dwarf annual.) . . . . . 15. Draba.
{ Petals entire or notched 22

22 { Pod nearly orbicular . . . . . 14. Alyssum.
{ Pod considerably longer than broad . . . . . 15. Draba.

23 { Two or more seeds in each cell of the pod 24
{ One seed only in each cell 28

24 { Leaves entire 25
{ Leaves more or less pinnate 26

25 { Pod winged all round. (Cotyledons accumbent.) . . . . . 18. Pennycress.
{ Pod obcordate or wedge-shaped, not winged. (Cotyledons incumbent.) 22. Capsella.

26 { Two seeds in each cell 27
{ Many seeds in each cell. (Cotyledons incumbent.) . . . . . 22. Capsella.

27 { Pod slightly winged, orbicular. (Cotyledons accumbent.) . . . 19. Teesdalia.
{ Pod not winged, oval. (Cotyledons oblique.) . . . . . 21. Hutchinsia.

28 { Pod opening in two valves. Upper leaves undivided 29
{ Pod indehiscent, or separating laterally into two nuts. Trailing plant, with all the leaves pinnate . . . . . 24. Senebiera.

29 { Two adjoining outer petals much larger than others . . . . . 30. Candytuft.
{ Petals all equal . . . . . 23. Cress.

30 Lomentosæ { Pod flattened 31
{ Pod globular, cylindrical, or conical 32

31 { Pod oblong, pendulous. Tall plant, with yellow flowers . . . . . 25. Woad.
{ Pod small, broad. Trailing plants, with small white flowers . . . 24. Senebiera.

32 { Pod globular, one-seeded, raised on a short, thick stalk within the calyx 27. Crambe.
{ Pod of two joints, the upper mitre-shaped and one-seeded, the lower pike-shaped, with an imperfect ovule . . . . . 26. Cakile.
{ Pod of several seeds, separated by transverse partitions . . . . . 28. Radish.

These Genera are distributed into the following Tribes :—

1. Arabideæ. Pod siliquose. Cotyledons accumbent. *Genera :*—1. Stock; 2. Wallflower; 3. Wintercress; 4. Watercress; 5. Rockcress; 6. Bitter-cress; 7. Toothcress.

2. Sisymbrieæ. Pod siliquose. Cotyledons incumbent. *Genera:*—8. Hesperis; 9. Sisymbrium; 10. Alliaria; 11. Erysimum.

3. Brassiceæ. Pod siliquose. Cotyledons conduplicate. *Genus :*—12. Brassica.

4. Alyssineæ. Pod siliculose, the partition across the broadest diameter. Cotyledons accumbent. *Genera :*—13. Cochlearia; 14. Alyssum; 15. Draba.

5. Camelineæ. Pod siliculose, the partition across the broadest diameter. Cotyledons incumbent. *Genera :*—16. Camelina; 17. Awlwort.

6. Thlaspideæ. Pod siliculose, the partition across the narrowest diameter. Cotyledons accumbent. *Genera :*—18. Pennycress; 19. Teesdalia; 20. Candytuft.

7. Lepidineæ. Pod siliculose, the partition across the narrowest diameter. Cotyledons incumbent or nearly so. *Genera :*—21. Hutchinsia; 22. Capsella; 23. Cress; 24. Senebiera.

8. Lomentosæ. Pod lomentose. *Genera :*—25. Woad; 26. Cakile; 27. Crambe; 28. Radish.

Several European and Asiatic Crucifers belonging to other genera, are

cultivated in our gardens; among them the most common are the *Honesty* (*Lunaria*) and an Eastern species of *Aubrietia*, both belonging to the *Alyssineæ*.

I. **STOCK.** MATTHIOLA.

Annuals or perennials, more or less hoary, the leaves entire or sinuate, the flowers rather large, usually purple, never yellow. Calyx erect, distinctly bisaccate. Petals spreading, on long erect claws. Pod long and narrow, compressed or nearly cylindrical. Stigmas sessile, short, but erect, and parallel to each other, having sometimes a horizontal horn at the base of each. Seeds more or less flattened, usually surrounded by a narrow wing, forming one row. Radicle accumbent.

Mostly seacoast plants from the shores of western Europe and the Mediterranean. They formerly formed one genus with the *Wallflowers*, from which they are chiefly distinguished by the erect stigmas, and the colour of the flowers.

Stem erect, much branched. Leaves entire . . . . . 1. *Common S.*
Stem spreading. Lower leaves sinuate, or coarsely toothed . . . . . 2. *Sea S.*

1. **Common Stock. Matthiola incana,** Br.

(*Cheiranthus*, Eng. Bot. t. 1935. *Stock. Gilliflower.*)

An erect herb, usually perennial, and almost woody at the base, but not of long duration, 1 to 2 feet high, with hard, slightly spreading branches. Leaves oblong-linear, obtuse, quite entire, soft and hoary on both sides with short crisped hairs. Flowers purple or reddish, rather large, the petals obovate. Pod 4 or 5 inches long, crowned by the short stigmas, which are rather thickened at the base.

On cliffs and stony places on the seacoast, round the Mediterranean, and up western Europe, at least to Bayonne. In Britain fully established as a wild plant on cliffs in the Isle of Wight, and perhaps some other parts of the south coast, although probably originally escaped from cultivation. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Sea Stock. Matthiola sinuata,** Br.

(*Cheiranthus*, Eng. Bot. t. 462.)

Like the last, a perennial of short duration, and covered all over with a short hoary down, which is however much softer and more dense. Branches very spreading. Lower leaves deeply sinuate. Flowers nearly as in the *common S.*, but the pods more compressed, usually more or less covered with glandular protuberances, and the stigmas very short, scarcely thickened at the base.

On sandy sea-shores, common all round the Mediterranean, and up the west coast of Europe to Ireland, and many points of the south and west coasts of England and Wales. *Fl. summer.*

II. **WALLFLOWER.** CHEIRANTHUS.

Habit and character of the *Stock*, except that the flowers are orange or yellow, the pod more distinctly flattened, the very short stigmas spreading horizontally, not erect, and usually borne on a distinct style, and the seeds not winged.

The genus is reduced by some to a single species, by others made to include also a very few species from southern Europe and the Canary Islands.

1. **Common Wallflower. Cheiranthus Cheiri,** Linn.

(*C. fruticulosus*, Eng. Bot. t. 1934. *Wallflower. Gilliflower.*)

A perennial of longer duration and more woody than the *common Stock*, more branched and less hoary, the hairs forked at the base, and closely pressed on the surface, or often quite green and nearly glabrous. Leaves narrow, pointed, quite entire. Flowers rather large, generally of a rich orange-yellow, and sweet-scented, but varying from pale yellow to a deep red. Pods 2 to 3 inches long, the valves marked by a slightly prominent midrib.

A native of rocky situations, in southern Europe, but spreads rapidly from cultivation, and is now abundant, apparently wild, on walls, old buildings, and rocky places near habitations, in many parts of central and even northern Europe. In Britain very frequent under similar circumstances. *Fl. spring.*

III. **WINTERCRESS.** BARBAREA.

Herbs, only differing from the yellow-flowered *Watercresses* by their longer pod, the midrib more conspicuous, and the seeds apparently arranged in a single row, and from *Erysimum* and *Sisymbrium* in the radicle accumbent on the edge of the cotyledons, not incumbent on the back of one of them.

A very small genus, generally spread over the temperate regions of the globe.

1. **Common Wintercress. Barbarea vulgaris,** Br.

(*Erysimum barbarea*, Eng. Bot. t. 443. *Wintercress. Yellow Rocket.*)

A perennial of short duration, stiff and erect, green and glabrous, sparingly branched, 1 to 2 feet high. Leaves mostly pinnate, with the terminal lobe large, broad, and very obtuse, whilst the lower ones are few, small, and narrow; very rarely all the lobes are narrow, or some of the leaves oblong and undivided, but deeply toothed at the base. Flowers rather small, bright yellow. Pods usually very numerous, erect or slightly spreading, and crowded in a long dense raceme, each one from $\frac{3}{4}$ to 2, or even 3 inches long, terminated by an erect, usually pointed style, varying from $\frac{1}{2}$ a line to 2 lines in length.

Hedges, or pastures and waste places, common all over Europe, in Russian Asia and northern America. Frequent in Britain. *Fl. spring and summer.* It varies much in the relative size of the lobes of the leaves, in the size of the flowers, in the length and thickness of the pod, in the length of the style, etc. A form with a very short and thick style, is often considered as a species, under the name of *B. præcox* (Eng. Bot. t. 1129), but it passes by every gradation into those which have a pointed style of 2 lines, and which have again been distinguished under the name of *B. stricta.*

IV. **WATERCRESS.** NASTURTIUM.

Glabrous perennials or annuals, with the leaves often pinnate, or pinnately lobed, and small white or yellow flowers. Calyx rather loose. Stigma capitate, nearly sessile. Pod linear or oblong, and usually curved, or in some species short like a silicule, the valves very convex, with the midrib scarcely visible. Seeds more or less distinctly arranged in two rows in each cell, and not winged. Radicle accumbent on the edge of the cotyledons.

A small genus, but widely spread over the whole area of the family. It differs from *Sisymbrium* only in the position of the radicle in the embryo; and the white-flowered species are only to be distinguished from *Bittercress* by the seeds forming two more distinct rows in each cell of the pod.

Pod usually half an inch long or more.
Flowers white . . . . . 1. *Common W.*
Flowers yellow . . . . . 2. *Creeping W.*
Pod usually ¼ inch long or less. Flowers yellow.
Pod oblong, curved. Petals scarcely longer than the calyx . . . . 3. *Marsh W.*
Pod ovoid, straight. Petals longer than the calyx . . . . . 4. *Great W.*

1. **Common Watercress. Nasturtium officinale,** Br.

(*Sisymbrium Nasturtium*, Eng. Bot. t. 855.)

Stem much branched, sometimes very short and creeping, or floating in shallow water; sometimes scrambling on banks or bushes to the length of 2 feet or more. Leaves pinnate, with distinct segments, the terminal one usually longer, ovate or orbicular. Flowers small and white, in short racemes. Pods about 6 or 8 lines long or rather more, on spreading pedicels, but slightly curved upwards, the double rows of the seeds very distinct.

Along brooks and rivulets, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, and naturalized in North America. Abundant in Britain except in some of the Scotch Highlands. *Fl. the whole summer.*

2. **Creeping Watercress. Nasturtium sylvestre,** Br.

(*Sisymbrium*, Eng. Bot. t. 2324.)

Stem creeping at the base, the flowering branches erect or ascending, a foot high or more. Leaves all or most of them deeply pinnatifid or almost pinnate, the lower lobes distinct and narrow, the terminal one often larger and broader. Flowers yellow and small, although the petals are considerably longer than the calyx. Pod nearly that of the *common W.*, but rather more slender, and the two rows of seeds rather less distinct.

On river-banks and in wet places, distributed over Europe and Russian Asia, but apparently not so far north as the *common W.* Sparingly scattered over England and Ireland, and still more rare in Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Marsh Watercress. Nasturtium palustre,** DC.

(*Sisymbrium terrestre*, Eng. Bot. t. 1747. *Nasturtium terrestre*, Brit. Fl. *Yellow Cress.*)

Much resembles the *creeping W.*, but usually weaker and not so tall, the lobes of the leaves rather broader and more toothed, the petals seldom exceed the calyx, and the pod is seldom above 3 lines long, slightly curved, the seeds much crowded, in two distinct rows in each cell.

In muddy and watery places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions, and in North America. Pretty frequent in England and Ireland, but decreasing considerably in Scotland. *Fl. summer and winter.*

4. **Great Watercress. Nasturtium amphibium,** Br.

(*Sisymbrium*, Eng. Bot. t. 1840. *Armoracia*, Brit. Fl. *Yellow Cress.*)

A taller and more erect plant than either of the two preceding, attaining 2 or 3 feet. Leaves less divided, sometimes narrow lanceolate, 3 to 4 inches long, and only slightly toothed, more frequently deeply toothed or pinnately lobed, sometimes divided to the midrib into narrow segments. Flowers yellow, larger than in the two last, the petals longer than the calyx. Pod straight, elliptical, about 2 lines long, or sometimes shorter and almost globular, the style much longer than in the other species.

In moist meadows and watery places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia. Generally distributed over England, Ireland, and southern Scotland, but not very common. *Fl. summer.* The shortness of the pod in this and some varieties of the *marsh W.* has induced some botanists to remove them to *Siliculosæ*, and associate them with the *Horseradish* in the genus *Armoracia* or *Roripa*, a junction which appears purely artificial.

V. **ROCKCRESS.** ARABIS.

Annuals or perennials, usually erect and hairy, at least at their base, with a spreading tuft of radical leaves, which are occasionally lobed, the stem-leaves undivided, sessile or stem-clasping; the flowers white, or, in a few exotic species, purple. Pods long and linear, the stigma nearly sessile, the valves flat or slightly convex, often marked with a distinct midrib or several longitudinal veins. Seeds more or less flattened, often winged. Radicle accumbent on the edge of the cotyledons or rarely obliquely incumbent.

A numerous genus, spread over the temperate regions of the northern hemisphere, with a few extratropical species in the southern one.

Stem-leaves undivided, rounded, or auricled at the base.
Tall plants, with pods 3 inches or more long.
Ripe pods erect or spreading. Plant glabrous.
Auricles of the leaves pointed. Pods numerous, erect, crowded, the valves flat . . . . . 1. *Glabrous R.*
Auricles of the leaves rounded. Pods loosely spreading, valves with a prominent midrib . . . . . *Eastern Erysimum.*
Ripe pods turned downwards. Plant usually hairy . . . 2. *Tower R.*
Plant seldom above a foot. Pod seldom 2 inches long.
Upper leaves clasping the stem . . . . . 3. *Hairy R.*
Upper leaves sessile, but not clasping the stem.
Nearly simple perennial, with erect pods . . . . . 4. *Fringed R.*
Slender branching annual, with spreading pods . . . . 5. *Thale R.*
Stem-leaves narrowed at the base, the lower often pinnately lobed.
Stems nearly simple. Radical leaves hispid, in a close tuft . 6. *Bristol R.*
Stems branching at the base, in a loose tuft . . . . . 7. *Northern R.*

Arabis albida or *grandiflora*, a south Russian species or variety of the *A. alpina*, is common in our gardens among the early-flowering perennials. The *eastern Erysimum*, which might be mistaken for the *glabrous Rockcress*, is mentioned below under *Erysimum*, of which it has the pod and seeds.

1. **Glabrous Rockcress. Arabis perfoliata,** Lam.

(*Turritis glabra*, Eng. Bot. t. 777. Brit. Fl. *Tower Mustard.*)

An erect annual or biennial, 2 feet or more high, perfectly glabrous except a few soft hairs at the very base, and usually glaucous. Radical leaves spreading but withering early, obovate-oblong, sinuate or pinnately lobed, with a few forked hairs. Stem-leaves oblong-lanceolate, entire, clasping the stem by pointed auricles. Flowers small, white or pale straw-colour. Pods very long and narrow, erect and crowded in a long narrow raceme.

On banks and roadsides and in open woods, generally distributed over Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, in northern America, and in Australia. Irregularly scattered over England and southern Scotland. but not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. summer.* The genus *Turritis*, which formerly comprised many species of *Rockcress*, is still maintained by some botanists for this species and a few American ones, which have the two rows of seeds rather more distinct than in other *Rockcresses.*

2. **Tower Rockcress. Arabis turrita,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 178. *Towercress.*)

A tall, stiff, erect biennial, approaching in size and appearance to the last species, but rough and somewhat hoary with very short forked or stellate hairs. Radical leaves spreading and stalked, stem-leaves oblong-lanceolate, sessile, and clasping the stem by their rounded auricles, all slightly toothed. Flowers small, of a dirty yellowish-white. Pods above 3 inches long, on short erect pedicels, but all curved downwards to one side, forming a long, dense, nodding raceme. Seeds oblong, with a membranous border.

In hedges, on shady banks, and under rocks, in the hilly districts of central and southern Europe, and establishes itself readily on old walls further north. Indicated at Oxford, at Cambridge, and in Kent, but evidently only introduced into Britain. *Fl. spring or early summer.*

3. **Hairy Rockcress. Arabis hirsuta,** Br.

(*Turritis hirsuta*, Eng. Bot. t. 587.)

A rather stiff erect annual or biennial, attaining a foot or rather more in height, but often shorter, usually simple, and rough with short hairs. Radical leaves spreading, obovate or oblong, and slightly toothed; stem-leaves generally erect, oblong or lanceolate, all, or at least the upper ones, clasping the stem by short auricles. Flowers small and white. Pods slender, 1 to 2 inches long, erect and crowded in a long raceme. Seeds without any wing.

On walls, banks, and rocks, common in the greater part of Europe and Russian Asia, but not in high northern latitudes. Not an abundant plant in Britain, although occurring in numerous localities even in the north of Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Fringed Rockcress. Arabis ciliata,** Br.

(*Turritis alpina*, Eng. Bot. t. 1746.)

Very near the *hairy R.*, but not above 6 inches high; the stem usually glabrous, and the leaves only fringed with a few stiff hairs on their edge, the upper ones rounded at the base and not auricled. The flowers are rather larger, and the pods less erect.

In stony and rocky places, in the mountains of central Europe. In Britain, only by the seaside at Rinville, Connemara, in Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

There is some doubt whether the Irish and the Continental plants are the same; but probably both are mere varieties of the common *hairy R.*

5. **Thale Rockcress. Arabis Thaliana,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 901. *Sisymbrium*, Brit. Fl. *Thalecress. Wallcress.*)

A slender, erect, branching annual, usually about 6 inches high, but sometimes attaining a foot, clothed with short, spreading, stiff hairs, or sometimes nearly glabrous. Leaves mostly radical and spreading, oblong, with a few coarse teeth from ½ to 1 inch long. Stem-leaves few, small, and sessile. Flowers small and white. Pods on spreading pedicels, in slender racemes, narrow linear, varying from 4 or 5 lines long to twice that length. Seeds small, the two rows blended into one; the cotyledons placed obliquely, so that the radicle is almost incumbent on the back of one of them.

On old walls, dry banks, and stony waste places throughout Europe and Russian Asia, extending into northern America. Frequent in Britain. *Fl. early spring, and occasionally also in summer and autumn.* On account of the position of the radicle, this species is referred by some to *Sisymbrium*, with which it has little else in common.

6. **Bristol Rockcress. Arabis stricta,** Huds.

(Eng. Bot. t. 614.)

A perennial, but probably of few years' duration, resembling in some respects the *northern R.* Radical leaves in a small spreading tuft, pinnately lobed, and hispid with stiff hairs. Stems about 6 inches high, erect, and nearly simple, with a very few small leaves narrowed at the base. Petals narrow and erect. Pods erect, about an inch long.

The Continental distribution of this species is uncertain, as the name is often given to plants quite different from ours; but it appears to be a native of limestone rocks in the mountains of western Europe. In Britain, only on St. Vincent's rocks, near Bristol, where it is getting very scarce, and it will probably soon have to be expunged from our Floras. *Fl. spring.*

7. **Northern Rockcress. Arabis petræa,** Lam.

(*Cardamine hastulata*, Eng. Bot. t. 469.)

A small perennial, in some respects intermediate between *Rockcress* and *Bittercress.* Stems branched at the base, loosely tufted, or shortly diffuse, or almost creeping, but seldom above 6 inches long. Radical and lower leaves obovate or oblong, and stalked, mostly pinnately divided, with the terminal lobe largest, or some of them nearly entire; the upper leaves few, narrow, almost entire, tapering at the base. Flowers few, considerably larger than in the *hairy R.*, white, or slightly purplish. Pods spreading, rather more than half an inch long, the seeds apparently in single rows.

In the mountains of northern Europe, and in the higher ranges of central Europe, extending all across Russian Asia. In Britain, frequent on the higher mountains of northern and western Scotland, and has been found also in Cumberland and North Wales. *Fl. summer.*

VI. **BITTERCRESS.** CARDAMINE.

Herbs, either annual or with a perennial rootstock, glabrous, or bearing only a few simple hairs; the leaves pinnate, or, if undivided, on long stalks;

the flowers white or pink. Stigma capitate, or small. Pod narrow-linear; the valves flat, without any conspicuous midrib, and usually opening with elasticity. Seeds apparently in a single row in each cell; radicle accumbent on the edge of the cotyledons.

A large and natural genus, widely spread over the temperate and colder regions of both the northern and southern hemispheres. The white flowers and pinnate leaves distinguish it from all British Crucifers, except the *common Watercress* and the *Toothcress*, both of which differ in their pods.

Petals large, obovate or oblong, spreading.
Stem weak. Segments of the stem-leaves broad.
Rootstocks slender, with creeping offsets. All the leaves pinnate . . . . . 1. *Bitter B.*
Rootstock thick and knotted. Upper leaves nearly entire, often with a bulb in their axil . . . . . *Bulbiferous Toothcress.*
Stem stiff and erect. Segments of the stem-leaves narrow . 2. *Meadow B.*
Petals small, nearly erect.
Stem tall and erect. Leafstalk with stipule-like appendages at the base . . . . . 3. *Narrow-leaved B.*
Stem low and weak, or much branched. No stipular appendages . . . . . 4. *Hairy B.*

1. **Large Bittercress. Cardamine amara,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1000.)

Rootstock slender, with creeping offsets. Stem a foot high or more, weak and ascending, or nearly erect. Leaves pinnate, with 5 or 7 distinct segments, all ovate or orbicular, irregularly angled or toothed, the terminal one often an inch long. Racemes few-flowered. Petals nearly as large as in the *meadow B.*, slightly spreading, of a pure white. Pod about an inch long.

In wet meadows, and along brooks and streams, generally distributed over Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, becoming a mountain plant in the south. Widely spread over Britain, but not a common or a frequent plant. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

2. **Meadow Bittercress. Cardamine pratensis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 776. *Bittercress. Ladies' Smock. Cuckooflower.*)

Rootstock short and perennial, often bearing small fleshy scales or tubers, like the *Toothcresses*. Stem erect, simple or branched, near a foot high. Leaves pinnate, the segments of the lower radical ones ovate or orbicular, the terminal one the largest, those of the stem-leaves narrow-oblong or linear. Flowers large and showy; the petals obovate and spreading, sometimes of a pure white, but more frequently tinged with a pinkish purple. Pods more than an inch long.

In moist meadows, and along brooks and streams, common throughout Europe, Russian Asia, and arctic America. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

3. **Narrow-leaved Bittercress. Cardamine impatiens,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 80.)

An annual, with a stiff, erect, leafy stem, a foot and a half high, simple, or with a few erect branches. Leaves pinnate, with numerous lanceolate or almost ovate segments, $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch long, and often deeply toothed or cut; the common leafstalk has, on each side, at its base, a curved linear appendage embracing the stem, and resembling a stipule. Petals very minute,

and sometimes wanting. Pods numerous, about an inch long, the valves rolling back at maturity, with much elasticity.

On moist rocks, and in shady waste places, over a great part of Europe and Russian Asia. In Britain, scattered over central and northern England and southern Scotland, but not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Hairy Bittercress. Cardamine hirsuta,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 492.)

An annual, of a deep green colour, often much branched at the base, with ascending or erect stems, sometimes a foot high, but usually not half so much, with a few scattered hairs, which, however, are often very inconspicuous. Leaves pinnate, the segments small, those of the lower leaves ovate or rounded, and angularly toothed, the upper ones narrower and more entire. Flowers small and white, the petals seldom twice the length of the very small sepals. Pods in a rather loose raceme, about 6 lines to 1 inch long.

On moist or shady banks, waste and cultivated places, throughout the temperate regions of the globe. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. spring and all summer.* It varies much, like other *Bittercresses*, in the length and thickness of the style; and in the common small form the stamens are usually reduced to 4. A large luxuriant variety, with 6 stamens, is sometimes distinguished as a species, under the name of *C. sylvatica*.

VII. **TOOTHCRESS.** DENTARIA.

Perennials, with a horizontal, fleshy, and toothed or knotted rootstock, and simple stems, with a few rather large pinnate or stalked leaves, and rather large white or purple flowers; the other characters those of *Bittercress*, except that the pod is rather broader and tapering at the top, and the little seedstalks are usually flat and broad.

A genus of several species, with a somewhat peculiar habit, all confined to the northern hemisphere.

1. **Bulbiferous Toothcress. Dentaria bulbifera,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 309. *Coralroot.*)

Stem weak, 1 to 1½ feet high, bearing several leaves, often with a small ovoid bulb in their axil, the lower ones pinnate, with 5 or 7 segments, the upper ones with fewer segments, or quite undivided; all the segments lanceolate, entire or toothed, tapering at the base, mostly 1½ to 2 inches long. Flowers few, rather large. The pod is seldom formed, as the plant usually propagates by the axillary bulbs falling to the ground, and there growing.

In damp woods, and shady places, chiefly in mountain districts, spread over Continental Europe from Scandinavia and central France to the Caucasus. In Britain, confined to some of the metropolitan counties of England. *Fl. spring.*

VIII. **HESPERIS.** HESPERIS.

Coarse, erect herbs, more or less hairy, with toothed leaves, and rather large, purple flowers, resembling those of the *Stocks*. Calyx erect. Petals

on long claws. Pods long and linear, nearly cylindrical; the stigma oblong, erect, and very shortly divided into two parallel lobes. Seeds not winged, apparently in a single row in each cell; the radicle incumbent on the back of one of the cotyledons.

A small genus, confined to Europe and northern Asia, nearly allied to the *Stocks*, but with a somewhat different habit, and the radicle incumbent, not accumbent.

1. **Common Hesperis. Hesperis matronalis,** Linn.

(*H. inodora*, Eng. Bot. t. 731. *Dame's Violet.*)

Stems 2 to 3 feet high, usually slightly branched. Leaves shortly stalked, or tapering at the base, ovate-lanceolate or lanceolate, 2 to 3 inches long, or the upper ones smaller. Flowers usually fragrant in the evening. Pods 2 to 4 inches long, nearly cylindrical, but much contracted between the seeds.

In hedges, bushy places, and open woods, in central and southern Europe, and all across Russian Asia, and, having been long cultivated in cottage gardens, is frequently met with, apparently wild, further to the north. In Britain, probably only as an outcast from gardens. *Fl. early summer.*

The *Virginia Stock* of our gardens, a seacoast plant of southern Europe, is said to have been found on our own shores near Dover. It belongs to the genus *Malcolmia*, only differing from *Hesperis* in the more pointed lobes of the stigma, and the pod slightly thickened at the base.

IX. **SISYMBRIUM.** SISYMBRIUM.

Annual, or rarely perennial, erect herbs, glabrous, or with spreading hairs; the flowers small, yellow, or, in some exotic species, white. Pod linear, nearly cylindrical, the lateral nerves of the valves more or less distinct; the stigma entire, small or capitate, closely sessile on the summit of the valves. Seeds apparently in a single row, ovoid or oblong, not flattened; the radicle incumbent on the back of one of the cotyledons.

A numerous genus, spread over the northern hemisphere, with the yellow flowers and habit of *Wintercress* and *Brassica*, but differing essentially from both in the position of the radicle. Several species of the three genera are popularly known by the name of *Rocket.*

Leaves deeply pinnatifid.
Perennial lobe of the leaves broad and very obtuse, much larger than the others . . . . . *Common Wintercress.*
Lobes of the leaves lanceolate, the lower ones often curved backwards.
Pods short, downy, closely pressed against the axis . . . . . 1. *Common S.*
Pods long, glabrous, spreading, and often turned to one side . . 2. *Broad S.*
Leaves twice or thrice pinnate, with numerous small linear segments . 3. *Fine-leaved S.*

Besides the above, the *S. polyceratium*, from Continental Europe, is said to have established itself in the streets of Bury, in Suffolk. It has the foliage of the *broad S.*, with numerous shorter pods crowded in the axils of the upper leaves.

1. **Common Sisymbrium. Sisymbrium officinale,** Scop.

(Eng. Bot. t. 735. *Hedge Mustard.*)

An erect annual, more or less downy, a foot high or rather more, with very rigid, spreading branches. Leaves deeply pinnatifid, with few lan-

ecolate, slightly toothed lobes, the terminal one from 1 to 1½ inches long, the others smaller, often curved backwards towards the stem; the upper leaves sometimes undivided and hastate. Flowers very small and yellow. Pods about 6 lines long, thick at the base, tapering to the point, more or less hairy, almost sessile, and closely pressed against the axis, in long, slender racemes, the midribs of the valves almost as prominent as in *Erysimum*.

In waste places, and by roadsides, common throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in Britain, excepting the northern extremity of Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Broad Sisymbrium. Sisymbrium Irio**, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1631. *London Rocket.*)

An erect annual, with a hard stem, a foot high or more, and glabrous or nearly so. Leaves deeply pinnatifid or pinnate, the lobes or segments lanceolate, more numerous and larger than in the *common S.* Flowers small and yellow. Pods on more or less spreading pedicels, 1½ to 2 inches long, often all turned to one side, forming a dense, erect raceme.

In waste places, and by roadsides, in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus. Rare in Britain, and chiefly recorded from the neighbourhood of London, Berwick, Dublin, and some other towns. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Fine-leaved Sisymbrium. Sisymbrium Sophia**, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 963. *Flixweed.*)

An erect annual, a foot high or rather more, not so coarse as the two last, and somewhat hoary with a very short down. Leaves two or three times divided into numerous short linear segments. Flowers small and yellow. Pods slender and glabrous, 9 to 12 lines long, on slender, spreading pedicels, forming loose, terminal, erect racemes.

In waste places, by roadsides, etc., in Europe and northern Asia, from the Arctic Circle to the Mediterranean, the Caucasus, and Himalaya; thinly scattered through Britain. *Fl. summer.*

X. **ALLIARIA.** ALLIARIA.

A single species, associated by some with *Sisymbrium*, by others with *Erysimum;* differing from the former by the valves of the pod, with a prominent midrib, as in *Erysimum;* from the latter by white flowers, and a more cylindrical pod; from both by a peculiar habit of foliage, and by the short stalk of the seeds expanded (within the pod) into a broad, white membrane.

1. **Common Alliaria. Alliaria officinalis**, DC.

(*Erysimum Alliaria*, Eng. Bot. t. 796. *Garlic mustard. Sauce-alone.*)

An erect annual or biennial, or sometimes of longer duration, 1 to 3 feet high, emitting a strong smell of garlic when rubbed, glabrous, or with a few long hairs on the stem and the edges of the leaves. Lower leaves on long stalks, orbicular and crenate; those of the stem on shorter stalks, cordate, ovate or triangular, coarsely toothed, 2 to 3 inches long and broad. Flower small and white. Pods on short, spreading stalks, stiff and glabrous, 1 to 1½ inches long, nearly cylindrical, but with a very prominent midrib on each valve.

Under hedges, in shady waste or cultivated places, over the greater part of Europe and western Asia, but not an Arctic plant. Frequent in Britain generally, but decreasing much in northern and western Scotland. *Fl. spring.*

XI. **ERYSIMUM.** ERYSIMUM.

Erect annuals or perennials, pale or hoary with closely appressed hairs, rarely quite glabrous; the leaves entire, or slightly toothed. Flowers yellow, or rarely yellowish-white. Pod linear, nearly quadrangular from the very prominent midrib of the valves. Stigma broadly capitate, or with short, spreading lobes. Seeds ovoid or oblong, the seedstalk not flattened, the radicle incumbent on the back of one of the cotyledons.

A rather numerous genus in the northern hemisphere, differing from *Wallflowers* in the seeds, from *Sisymbrium* by the midrib of the valves of the pod more prominent than in all the species of that genus except the *common S.*

Plant slightly hoary. Leaves tapering at the base . . . . . 1. *Common E.*
Plant glabrous and glaucous. Leaves clasping the stem, and rounded at the base . . . . . 2. *Eastern E.*

1. **Common Erysimum. Erysimum cheiranthoides,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 942. *Treacle Mustard.*)

A stiff, erect annual, 1 to 2 feet high, slightly hoary with closely appressed hairs. Leaves numerous, of a pale green, broadly lanceolate, entire or slightly toothed, tapering into a short stalk at the base. Flowers small, pale yellow. Pods numerous, on spreading pedicels, seldom an inch long, the stigma slightly dilated.

In waste and cultivated places, in northern and central Europe, Russian Asia, and northern America, becoming rather a mountain plant in southern Europe. Diffused over a great part of Britain, but probably in many cases introduced. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

2. **Eastern Erysimum. Erysimum orientale,** Br.

(*Brassica*, Eng. Bot. t. 1804. *Hare's-ear.*)

An erect, perfectly glabrous, and somewhat glaucous annual, a foot high or rather more. Radical leaves obovate and stalked, the stem-leaves oblong, 2 or 3 inches long, quite entire, and embracing the stem with prominent rounded auricles. Flowers pale yellow, or whitish. Pods 3 or 4 inches long, slender, in a loose raceme, the midrib of the valves very prominent.

In stony fields and waste places, in central and southern Europe, and western Asia, extending northwards to the Baltic. In Britain it has been gathered occasionally, near the southern and eastern coasts of England, but appears scarcely to be permanently established. *Fl. spring and summer.*

XII. **BRASSICA.** BRASSICA.

Annuals or perennials, either glabrous or with stiff or rough hairs, the lower leaves usually deeply pinnate, or lyrate, the upper ones sometimes entire, the flowers yellow. Pod linear, cylindrical or nearly so, more or

less *beaked* at the top beyond the end of the valves, the beak consisting either of the conical style alone, or including a portion of the pod itself, with one or more seeds in it. Seeds globular, ovoid, or somewhat flattened, the cotyledons folded longitudinally over the radicle.

A numerous genus, spread over Europe and northern and central Asia, comprising the *Brassica* and *Sinapis* of Linnæus, and divided by other botanists into from three to six or even more genera, variously defined, according to the peculiar views entertained by each, but all aptly united into one by Boissier. It is distinguished from *Sisymbrium* and *Wintercress* essentially by the folded cotyledons, and in most cases by the beak of the pod. Even in the two first species, and in the *black B.*, where the beak is not so distinct, the persistent style is more conical at the base than in the *Wintercress*, and very much longer than in the *Sisymbrium*.

Upper stem-leaves entire, sessile, or clasping the stem.
- All the leaves glabrous and glaucous, the upper ones not auricled . . . . . 4. *Cabbage B.*
- Radical leaves more or less hispid, the upper ones auricled at the base . . . . . 5. *Field B.*

All the leaves pinnately cut or stalked.

Six or fewer seeds in each cell of the pod.
- Pods slender and short, closely pressed against the axis of the raceme. Beak small.
  - Pods ending in a slender style, slightly conical at the base . 8. *Black B.*
  - Pods ending in a distinct beak, thickened at the base . . 9. *Hoary B.*
- Pods more or less spreading in a loose raceme. Beak large.
  - Pod very hispid, rather shorter than the long flat beak . . 6. *Mustard B.*
  - Pod glabrous, or rough, rather longer than the conical beak . . . . . 7. *Charlock B.*

Ten, twelve, or more seeds in each cell of the pod.
- Pod 1½ to 2 inches, the beak distinct, with 1 or 2 seeds . . . 3. *Isle of Man B.*
- Pod slender, not 1½ inch long. The beak very short, without seeds.
  - Branched and leafy perennial, a foot high or more . . . 1. *Wall B.*
  - Low annual, the leaves mostly radical . . . . . 2. *Sand B.*

1. Wall Brassica. Brassica tenuifolia, Boiss.

(*Sisymbrium*, Eng. Bot. t. 525. *Diplotaxis*, Brit. Fl. *Rocket.*)

A loosely branched or bushy perennial, 1 to 2 feet high, perfectly glabrous and somewhat glaucous, emitting a disagreeable smell when rubbed. Leaves very variable, mostly irregularly pinnate, 2 to 4 or 5 inches long, with a few lanceolate or oblong, entire or coarsely toothed segments, the upper leaves often entire or nearly so. Flowers rather large, lemon-coloured. Pods in a loose raceme, about 1½ inches long, slender, spreading, with numerous small seeds distinctly arranged in two rows.

On old walls, ruins, and waste places, in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, extending northwards to southern Sweden. In Britain, chiefly in southern England and near the sea. *Fl. the whole summer.*

2. Sand Brassica. Brassica muralis, Boiss.

(*Sisymbrium*, Eng. Bot. t. 1090. *Diplotaxis*, Brit. Fl.)

An annual, branching from the base, usually about 6 inches high, with the same smell as the last. Leaves mostly radical, or crowded at the base of the stems, less deeply divided than in the *wall B.*, and often only sinuate. Flowers much smaller, the pods and seeds similar, but also smaller.

In fields, cultivated and waste places, very common in southern, and scat-

tered over central Europe. In Britain, abundant in some of the southern counties of England, and appearing occasionally further north, especially near the sea. *Fl. all summer.*

3. Isle of Man Brassica. **Brassica monensis,** Huds.

(*Sisymbrium*, Eng. Bot. t. 962.)

Either an annual or forming a stock of two or three years' duration, glabrous, or bearing a few stiff hairs at its base. Stems sometimes barely 6 inches high, with the leaves mostly radical, sometimes loosely branched, above a foot high, and more leafy. Radical leaves pinnatifid or pinnate, the lobes or segments short and broad, and marked by a few coarse teeth, the upper leaves more deeply divided, with narrower segments. Flowers rather large, pale yellow. Pods spreading, 1½ to above 2 inches long, terminating in a thick beak, varying in length from a fifth to above a third of the whole pod, and usually containing 1 to 3 seeds above the valves.

In western Europe, and chiefly in the Pyrenees and south-western Alps, but extending up the west coast of France to Britain. *Fl. summer.* The smaller and more stunted state is the most frequent in sandy places on the western coasts of Great Britain as far north as Bute, but the more luxuriant variety, often distinguished as a species, under the name of *Sinapis* or *Brassica Cheiranthus* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2821), has also been found in south Wales and the Channel Islands.

4. Cabbage Brassica. **Brassica oleracea,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 637.)

In the wild state the *Cabbage* has a thick, almost woody stock, probably of two or three years' duration, branching into erect stems 1 to 2 feet high. Leaves glabrous and glaucous, the lower ones large, stalked, broad, sinuate, or lobed at the base, the upper ones oblong, usually sinuate, clasping the stem by their broad base, but not projecting into auricles. Flowers rather large, pale yellow. Pod spreading, 1½ inches or more in length.

On maritime cliffs, indigenous round the Mediterranean, and reappearing in several places on the coasts of northern France and of England and Ireland, but probably originally escaped from cultivation. *Fl. early summer.* The cultivated forms of this species include the *Cabbage*, *Cauliflower*, *Broccoli*, *Kale*, *Kohlrabbi*, etc., of gardeners.

5. Field Brassica. **Brassica campestris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2146, 2176 and 2234.)

In its wild state this is an erect, simple, or scarcely branched annual, 1 to 2 feet high. Lower leaves green and slightly glaucous, more or less pinnately divided, with a large terminal lobe, and rough with stiff hairs, which are sometimes very copious, and rarely entirely wanting; upper leaves narrow-oblong or lanceolate, clasping the stem with rounded projecting auricles. Flowers and pods much like those of the *Cabbage*, but the petals are usually of a brighter yellow.

On borders of fields, and waste places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia. A frequent weed of cultivation in Britain. *Fl. spring and summer.* The cultivated varieties include the *Turnip* (*B. Napus*), the *Rapeseed* or *Colza* (*B. Rapa*), and probably also the *Swedish Turnip*.

6. **Mustard Brassica. Brassica alba,** Boiss.

(*Sinapis*, Eng. Bot. t. 1677. *Cultivated Mustard.*)

Stem 1 to 2 feet high, glabrous, or with spreading, stiff hairs. Leaves pinnately lobed or divided, more or less rough, the lobes ovate or oblong, coarsely toothed, the terminal one the largest. Flowers rather large, fruit-pedicels spreading. Pod ¾ to 1 inch long, but more than half occupied by a stout flattened beak, often curved, with a single seed in its base, the valves and lower part of the beak very hispid with stiff white hairs concealing the prominent nerves.

In waste and cultivated places, in temperate and southern Europe and western Asia, and often cultivated for salad or forage. Not unfrequent in some parts of England and Ireland, more rare in Scotland. *Fl. all summer.*

7. **Charlock Brassica. Brassica Sinapistrum,** Boiss.

(*Sinapis arvensis*, Eng. Bot. t. 1748. *Charlock. Wild Mustard.*)

A coarse annual, 1 to 2 feet high, with a few stiff spreading hairs. Leaves rough with very short hairs, the lower ones usually with one large oval or oblong coarsely-toothed segment, and a few smaller ones along the leafstalk, the upper ones often undivided, oblong or lanceolate. Flowers rather large. Pods more or less spreading, ½ to 1½ inches long, of which rather more than a third is occupied by a stout beak, often containing a seed in its base; the valves glabrous, or rough with stiff reflexed hairs, the lateral nerves prominent.

A native probably of southern Europe, but now one of the most abundant weeds of cultivation throughout Europe and Russian Asia, and but too common all over Britain. *Fl. all summer.*

8. **Black Brassica. Brassica nigra,** Boiss.

(*Sinapis*, Eng. Bot. t. 969. *Black Mustard.*)

Less hairy than the two last species, and sometimes entirely glabrous, especially in the upper part, but the lower leaves and stem are generally slightly hispid. Stem 2 feet high or more. Leaves mostly deeply divided, with one large terminal ovate or oblong lobe and a few small lateral ones, the upper leaves often small and entire. Flowers rather smaller than in the *Charlock*. Pods on short pedicels, closely pressed against the axis of the long slender racemes, glabrous, seldom more than half an inch long, with a slender style, slightly conical at the base, the valves marked with a strong midrib.

On banks, under hedges, in waste and cultivated places, in central and southern Europe and central Asia, and much cultivated for its seed. Scattered over England and more rarely in Scotland, but probably introduced only into Britain from or with cultivation. *Fl. summer.*

9. **Hoary Brassica. Brassica adpressa,** Boiss.

(*Erucastrum incanum*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2848. *Sinapis*, Brit. Fl.)

Very like the *black B.* in habit and foliage, but more frequently biennial, the stem stiffer and harder at the base, the leaves less divided, and more or less hoary with short rough hairs. Pods short and closely pressed against the axis, as in the *black B.*, but they terminate in a short thick beak, with a seed in the base, instead of a slender style. Seeds rather ovoid, not globular.

On sandy or arid places near the sea, in southern Europe, extending up the west coast to the Channel Islands. *Fl. summer.*

XIII. **COCHLEARIA.** COCHLEARIA.

Annuals or perennials, usually glabrous, with undivided leaves, and white flowers. Filaments of the stamens without appendages. Pod globular, ovoid or shortly oblong, with a broad partition; the valves very convex. Seeds several in each cell, not bordered, the radicle accumbent on the edge of the cotyledons.

Besides the common northern species, the genus contains several Asiatic and south European ones, some of them intermediate, in appearance, between the two rather dissimilar ones here associated. The pod is very different from that of any other British white-flowered Crucifer.

Tall erect plant, with very large oblong radical leaves . . . . . 1. *Horseradish C.*
Low diffuse plant, the leaves small and thick . . . . . 2. *Scurvy C.*

1. **Horseradish Cochlearia. Cochlearia Armoracia,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2323. *Armoracia rusticana*, Brit. Fl. *Horseradish.*)

Rootstock tapering into a long root. Radical leaves on long stalks, often 6 inches to a foot long, and 4 to 6 inches broad, sinuate and toothed at the edges, glabrous, but rough. Stems 2 to 3 feet high, erect; the leaves smaller and narrower than the radical ones, the lower ones often deeply toothed or almost pinnatifid. Flowers small and white, in numerous racemes, forming a terminal panicle. Pods on slender pedicels, ovoid or elliptical, without any prominent nerve.

A plant of south-eastern origin, introduced by cultivation only into northern and western Europe. It has become perfectly naturalized in several parts of Britain, especially near the sea. *Fl. summer.* The pod seldom comes to perfection in this country.

2. **Scurvy Cochlearia. Cochlearia officinalis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 551, and *C. grœnlandica*, t. 2403. *Scurvy-grass.*)

A low, diffuse, quite glabrous, and somewhat fleshy annual or biennial, the stems seldom above 6 inches long. Lower leaves stalked, orbicular or reniform, entire or angularly toothed; the upper ones sometimes similar, sometimes ovate or oblong, and often quite sessile. Flowers in short racemes, the petals obovate and spreading. Pods globular or ovoid, varying from 2 to 3 lines in diameter, pointed by the short style, the midrib of the valves very prominent when dry.

In stony, muddy, or sandy soils, all around the Arctic Circle, on the sea-coasts of northern and western Europe, and at considerable elevations in the great mountain chains of Europe. Not uncommon on the shores of England and Ireland, still more abundant on those of Scotland, penetrating inland along some of its rivers, and in the Highland mountains. *Fl. all summer.* It varies much in the size and shape of the leaves, in the size of the flowers, and the size and shape of the pods, and has been divided into two, three, or even eight or nine species. The most prominent varieties are the *C. danica* (Eng. Bot. t. 696), with all the leaves stalked, and the *C. anglica* (Eng. Bot. t. 552), with large flowers and pods.

XIV. **ALYSSUM.** ALYSSUM.

Annuals or low branching perennials, with a hoary or short stellate down, and white or yellow flowers. Filaments of the stamens, or the shorter ones only, usually winged near the base, or thickened, or furnished with small teeth. Pod sessile within the calyx, orbicular or oval, the partition broad, the valves convex and not veined. Seeds 1 to 4, or very rarely more, in each cell. Radicle accumbent on the edge of the cotyledons.

An extensive genus, ranging over Europe and northern Asia, and tolerably natural, distinguished from *Draba* chiefly by the short few-seeded pod, with more convex valves, or by the appendages to the base of the filaments, one or other of these characters being observable in all the species. They have also usually a stiffer, more leafy habit, and even the annuals often look woody.

Sepals persisting round the pod. Petals minute, yellowish-white. Seeds 2 in each cell . . . . . 1. *Small A.*
Sepals falling off after flowering. Petals spreading, pure white. Seeds 1 in each cell . . . . . 2. *Sweet A.*

The *A. incanum*, often separated as a genus under the name of *Berteroa*, having longer pods with more seeds, a common annual in central and eastern Europe, is said to have been occasionally found near Lewes and near Weymouth, but does not appear to be permanently established. The yellow-flowered *A. saxatile*, from southern Europe, is among the perennials long established in our rock-gardens.

1. **Small Alyssum. Alyssum calycinum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2853.)

A small, hard annual, often simple, 3 or 4 inches high, or, when very luxuriant, branching at the base, and 6 inches high. Leaves oblong-linear, much narrowed at the base. Petals inconspicuous, of a pale yellow. Pods in a long raceme, on short pedicels, nearly orbicular, the narrow herbaceous sepals persisting round them till they are ripe. The filaments of the shorter stamens have each a small fine tooth or appendage at their base.

In waste places, dry pastures, on the edges of fields, etc., in central and southern Europe, from Sweden to the Caucasus. In Britain, but recently found, in a few localities both in England and Scotland. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

2. **Sweet Alyssum. Alyssum maritimum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1729. *Koniga*, Brit. Fl.)

A hard annual or perennial, with much-branched procumbent or ascending stems, from 4 or 5 inches to near a foot long. Leaves narrow-lanceolate or linear, narrowed at the base, or stalked. Flowers white, with a honey scent, rather small, but the petals obovate, spreading, and conspicuous. Pods orbicular or slightly oval, with only one seed in each cell; the calyx deciduous. The filaments are without appendages.

In waste places and dry pastures, chiefly near the sea; very abundant round the Mediterranean. Much cultivated in our flower-gardens, and sowing itself readily, it has become more or less established as a weed of cultivation in some parts of England. *Fl. all summer.* Often distinguished as a genus, under the name of *Koniga*.

XV. **DRABA.** DRABA. ✠

Small annuals or perennials, usually hairy or hoary with spreading or tufted radical leaves, entire or toothed, the stem-leaves few or none. Flowers white or yellow. Filaments of the stamens without appendages. Pod oblong or elliptical, from one and a half to near three times as long as broad, more or less flattened; the partition broad; the valves flat or convex, their midrib usually distinct. Seeds several in each cell. Radicle accumbent on the edge of the cotyledons.

A considerable genus, ranging over the northern hemisphere, ascending to the greatest elevations and to high Arctic latitudes, and extending along the great mountain chain of America into the southern hemisphere. The species mostly differ from *Alyssum* in their longer pod, and in a peculiar habit approaching that of the *Rockcresses;* from the latter genus they are distinguished by the pod, which, though long for a siliculose Crucifer, is still much shorter, in proportion to its width, than in the shortest *Rockcress.*

Flowers yellow (stiff tufted perennial) . . . . . 1. *Yellow D.*
Flowers white.
  Biennials or perennials. Pedicels short and stiff.
    Stem with a few leaves, the radical ones spreading . . . . . 3. *Hoary D.*
    Stem almost leafless, the radical leaves tufted . . . . . 2. *Rock D.*
  Annuals. Pedicels slender, spreading.
    Stem dwarf, erect, leafless. Petals deeply divided . . . . . 5. *Common D.*
    Stem weak, ascending, leafy. Petals entire . . . . . 4. *Wall D.*

1. **Yellow Draba.** **Draba aizoides,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1271.)

Stock perennial and branched, covered with closely-packed leaves, forming dense tufts of 2 or 3 inches diameter. The leaves 3 or 4 lines long, sessile, linear, of a bright green, edged with stiff white hairs. Peduncles leafless, 1 to 4 or even 5 inches high, bearing a few rather large yellow flowers. Pods about 4 lines long, glabrous or slightly hairy, with a rather long style; the valves more convex than in the rest of the genus.

In clefts of rocks, and stony places, in the mountain districts of central and southern Europe. Long cultivated in our rock-gardens, it has established itself in considerable abundance on rocks and old walls about Pennard Castle, near Swansea. *Fl. spring.*

2. **Rock Draba.** **Draba hirta,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1338. *D. rupestris,* Brit. Fl.)

Stock shortly tufted and perennial, but not of long duration. Leaves crowded, 3 to 5 or 6 lines long, narrow-oblong or lanceolate, entire or slightly toothed, with a few stiff, simple or stellate hairs. Peduncles usually 1 or 2 inches, and leafless; in luxuriant specimens twice as long, with one or two small ovate leaves. Flowers few and small, but larger than in the *hoary D.* Pods 2 to 3 lines long, on short stiff pedicels, usually slightly hoary with a few very minute hairs.

In the mountains of the northern or Arctic regions of Europe, Asia, and North America. Rare on some of the higher mountain summits of Scotland. *Fl. July.* The specimens with slightly hoary pods (as are the Scotch ones) are by some distinguished, under the name of *D. rupestris,* from the original *D. hirta* of Linnæus (not found in Britain), in which they are almost or quite glabrous.

3. **Hoary Draba.** **Draba incana**, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 388, *a luxuriant garden specimen.*)

Nearly allied to the *rock D.*, but very different in appearance. Often only a biennial, with the radical leaves spreading, and seldom forming branched tufts; the whole plant hoary with short, single and stellate hairs. Stems erect, 6 inches high or more, with several small, sessile, oblong or lanceolate leaves. Flowers small, and white. Pods 3 to 5 lines long, on short, stiff pedicels, glabrous, or sprinkled with a few stellate hairs; the valves flat, or the whole pod slightly twisted.

In rocky situations, in northern and Arctic Europe and Asia, far more common than the *rock D.*, and descending to lower elevations. Not unfrequent in the Scotch Highlands, and extending into northern England, north Wales, and northern Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Wall Draba.** **Draba muralis**, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 912.)

A slender, erect, but weak annual, from a few inches to a foot high, simple or slightly branched, green, but rough with short hairs. Radical leaves spreading, ovate or oblong, toothed, ½ to 1 inch long. Stem-leaves smaller, ovate, clasping the stem by their cordate or auricled base. Petals white, entire, and very minute. Pods about 2 lines long, on spreading pedicels, in a long, slender raceme, each containing about 6 seeds.

On rocks and walls, in limestone hilly districts, in the greater part of Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to Scandinavia, and said to extend to the Arctic Circle. In Britain, sparingly scattered over several parts of England and southern Scotland. *Fl. spring.*

5. **Common Draba.** **Draba verna**, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 586. *Whitlow-grass.*)

A dwarf annual, lasting but a few weeks, the leaves all radical, ovate or oblong, seldom above half an inch long, and closely spreading on the ground. Peduncles slender, erect and leafless, 1 to 3 or rarely 4 inches high. Petals small, white, and deeply cleft. Pods on rather long slender pedicels, about 3 lines long, containing numerous minute seeds, on stalks of very unequal length.

On walls, rocks, dry banks, and stony places, throughout Europe and western Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. early spring.* Distinguished by some as a genus, under the name of *Erophila.*

XVI. **CAMELINA.** CAMELINA.

Erect and more or less hispid annuals, with sagittate or auricled stem-leaves, and small yellow flowers. Pod obovoid, the partition broad, the valves very convex, with the midrib distinct, the edges flattened, forming a narrow margin round the pod. Style slender. Seeds several. The radicle incumbent on the back of the cotyledons.

A genus consisting of two or three European and north Asiatic species, perhaps all reducible to a single one, separated from *Cochlearia* on account of their yellow flowers and incumbent cotyledons.

1. **Common Cameline. Camelina sativa,** Crantz.

(*Alyssum*, Eng. Bot. t. 1254. *C. fœtida*, Bab. Man. *Gold of Pleasure.*)

Stem simple, or slightly branched, 1 to 2 feet high. Lowest leaves stalked, upper ones sessile, clasping the stem with pointed auricles, lanceolate, entire or toothed, 1 to 2 inches long. Pods about 3 lines long, on pedicels about twice that length, in a long, loose raceme.

In cultivated and waste places, in central and southern Europe, and the temperate parts of Russian Asia; further north only as a weed of cultivation. In Britain, appearing occasionally in corn and flax fields in England and Ireland. *Fl. with the corn.*

XVII. **AWLWORT.** SUBULARIA.

A dwarf aquatic annual, with the pod of a *Draba*, but the valves more convex, and the radicle incumbent on the back of the cotyledons, which are linear, and the bend is, as in *Senebiera*, above the base of the cotyledons, not at their junction with the radicle, as in the rest of Crucifers.

The genus is limited to a single species.

1. **Water Awlwort. Subularia aquatica,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 732.)

The whole plant is but 1 to 2, rarely 3, inches high, and perfectly glabrous, usually growing entirely under water. Leaves all radical, nearly cylindrical, slender and pointed, ½ to 1 inch long. Flowers few, with minute white petals. Pods about a line and a half long, and oblong, or sometimes shorter, and nearly globular, with 5 or 6 seeds in each cell.

In the shallow edges of alpine ponds and lakes, in northern Europe, Asia, and America, and more rarely in central Europe. Scarce in Britain, in the mountains of Scotland, north-western England, and north Wales. *Fl. summer.*

XVIII. **PENNYCRESS.** THLASPI.

Annuals or low perennials, the leaves usually undivided, the upper ones clasping the stem, the flowers small and white. Petals equal, or nearly so. Pod orbicular or obovate, flattened laterally at right angles to the *narrow* partition, the valves boat-shaped, their midrib or *keel* more or less expanded into a green wing surrounding the pod. Seeds two or more in each cell. Radicle accumbent on the edge of the cotyledons.

A small genus, spread over Europe, northern and central Asia, and north-western America, distinguished from *Candytuft* and *Cress* by having more than one seed in each cell of the pod, from all others by the winged pod.

Pod (including the broad wing) orbicular, about 6 lines broad . . . 1. *Field P.*
Pod obovate or obcordate, not 3 lines broad.
  Biennial or perennial. Pod longer than broad, with 6 or 8 seeds in each cell . . . . . 3. *Alpine P.*
  Annual. Pod nearly as broad as long, with about 4 seeds in each cell . . . . . 2. *Perfoliate P.*

1. **Field Pennycress. Thlaspi arvense,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1659. *Pennycress. Mithridate Mustard.*)

An erect, glabrous annual, 6 inches to a foot high or rather more, simple or branched in the upper part. Radical leaves stalked, but soon disappearing. Stem-leaves oblong or lanceolate, usually marked with a few coarse teeth; the lower ones narrowed at the base, the upper clasping the stem with prominent auricles. Pods in a long raceme, about half an inch in diameter including a very broad wing, deeply notched at the top, with a very minute style in the notch. Seeds usually 6 in each cell.

In cultivated and waste places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia. Widely scattered over various parts of Britain, but not so common with us as on the Continent. *Fl. spring and summer.*

2. **Perfoliate Pennycress. Thlaspi perfoliatum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 2354.)

A glabrous annual, branching at the base, or nearly simple, the stem ascending or erect, 3 to 6 inches high. Radical leaves spreading or tufted, stalked, ovate or orbicular; upper stem-leaves ovate or oblong, clasping the stem with rather large, rounded auricles. Pods not half the size of those of the *field P.*, with narrower wings, and the notch at the top much broader and more open. Style nearly as long, or longer than the notch. Seeds usually 4 in each cell.

In stony pastures and waste places, chiefly in limestone districts, in central and southern Europe, and temperate Russian Asia. In Britain, apparently confined to a few localities in Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire. *Fl. spring.*

3. **Alpine Pennycress. Thlaspi alpestre,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 81.)

A glabrous biennial or perennial, forming a shortly-branched or tufted stock, with obovate, oval, or oblong, stalked, radical leaves. Stems simple, erect or ascending, about 6 inches high; the leaves narrow, clasping the stem with small auricles. Flowers usually larger than in the two last. Pod about 3 lines long, but not so broad as in the *perfoliate P.*, especially at the base, the wings rounded at the top, leaving a broad but not a deep notch between them. Style prominent. Seeds 6 or 8 in each cell.

In mountain pastures, in limestone districts, in central and southern Europe, extending northward to southern Sweden, and eastward to the Russian frontier. In Britain, chiefly in the north of England, but found also in some other parts, as well as in Wales and Scotland. *Fl. summer.* A slight variety, with rather larger flowers, has been distinguished as a species, under the name of *T. virens.*

XIX. **TEESDALIA.** TEESDALIA.

Dwarf annuals, with white flowers, two petals larger than the two others, as in *Candytuft;* but the longer filaments have a scale-like appendage near their base, and the pod has 2 seeds in each cell.

A genus confined to two European species. . . . . .

1. **Common Teesdalia. Teesdalia nudicaulis,** Br.

(*Iberis*, Eng. Bot. t. 327.)

Leaves radical and spreading, about half an inch long or but little more, usually pinnate, the terminal lobe larger, obovate or orbicular, glabrous, or with a few stiff hairs. Flower-stems 2 or 3 inches high, erect and leafless, or the lateral ones rather longer, ascending, with one or two small entire or pinnate leaves. Flowers very small. Pods in short racemes, nearly orbicular, about 1½ lines in diameter, flat, with a narrow wing round the edge, and a small notch at the top.

On sandy and gravelly banks and waste places, in central and southern Europe and western Asia. Rather generally distributed over England and southern Scotland, though not a very common plant, and not in Ireland. *Fl. at any time from spring to autumn.*

XX. **CANDYTUFT.** IBERIS.

Glabrous or minutely downy annuals or branching perennials, with narrow or pinnatifid leaves, and white or pink flowers; two adjoining exterior petals larger than the two others. Filaments without appendages. Pod orbicular or oval, laterally flattened (at right angles to the *narrow* partition), notched at the top, the valves boat-shaped, the keel or midrib expanded into a wing. One seed only in each cell, the radicle accumbent on the edge of the cotyledons.

A genus of several south European and western Asiatic species, some of which are cultivated in our flower-gardens under the name of *Candytufts*, and all readily known by the unequal petals.

1. **Bitter Candytuft. Iberis amara,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 52, *the inflorescence too much elongated.*)

An erect, rather stiff annual, 6 inches to near a foot high, with a few erect branches forming a terminal flat corymb. Leaves oblong-lanceolate or broadly linear, with a few coarse teeth, or slightly pinnatifid, seldom quite entire. Flowers white. Pod nearly orbicular, the long style projecting from the notch at the top.

Common as a weed of cultivation in western, central, and southern Europe. Appears occasionally in cornfields in England, especially in limestone districts. *Fl. with the corn.*

XXI. **HUTCHINSIA.** HUTCHINSIA.

Dwarf annuals or perennials, with pinnate leaves and white flowers, separated from *Cress* as having two seeds in each cell of the pod instead of one.

A genus limited by some to one species, by others extended to a few allied ones from southern Europe and Russian Asia, or also to two or three perennials from the high mountain-ranges of central and southern Europe.

1. **Rock Hutchinsia. Hutchinsia petræa,** Br.

(*Lepidium*, Eng. Bot. t. 111.)

A glabrous, delicate, erect annual, seldom 3 inches high, branching at the

base. Radical leaves about half an inch long, and pinnate; stem-leaves few and smaller, with fewer and narrower segments. Flowers very minute. Pod oval, rather more than a line long. Radicle of the seeds incumbent on the back of the cotyledons, but very near the edge.

On limestone rocks, old walls, and stony places, in central and southern Europe, from Sweden to the Crimea. Confined, in Britain, to the limestone tracts of the west and north of England and Wales. *Fl. spring.*

XXII. **CAPSELL.** CAPSELLA.

Annuals, with entire or pinnate leaves and small white flowers, distinguished from *Cress* and *Hutchinsia* by having several seeds in each cell of the pod, from *Pennycress* by the pod not winged, and the radicle incumbent on the back of the cotyledons.

A genus of a single one, or of two or three, European and Asiatic species, according to the limits assigned to it by different botanists.

1. **Shepherd's-purse Capsell. Capsella Bursa-pastoris,** DC.

(*Thlaspi*, Eng. Bot. t. 1485. *Shepherd's-purse.*)

Root tapering, often to a great depth. Radical leaves spread on the ground, pinnatifid, with a larger ovate or triangular terminal lobe, or sometimes entire. Stem from a few inches to above a foot high, rather rough and often hairy, with a few oblong or lanceolate, entire or toothed leaves, clasping the stem with projecting auricles. Pods in a long loose raceme, usually triangular, truncate at the top, with the angles slightly rounded, and narrowed at the base, sometimes notched at the top and almost obcordate. Seeds 10 or 12 in each cell.

Probably of European or west Asiatic origin, but now one of the commonest weeds in cultivated and waste places, nearly all over the globe without the tropics. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. nearly all the year round.*

XXIII. **CRESS.** LEPIDIUM.

Annuals or perennials, glabrous or hairy, with numerous small white flowers. Petals equal. Stamens without appendages. Pods ovate or shortly oblong, rarely orbicular, compressed laterally (at right angles to the *narrow* partition); the valves boat-shaped, either without wings or the keel expanded into a narrow wing at the top. Seeds one in each cell, the radicle usually incumbent on the back of the cotyledons.

A numerous and rather natural genus, widely diffused over the whole range of the Order. It is readily distinguished from *Candytuft* by the small petals all equal, and from all other British siliculose Cruciferæ, with laterally compressed pods, except *Senebiera*, by the single seeds in each cell.

Pod winged at the top.
- Tall annual, with a single stem: Style short . . . . . 1. *Field C.*
- Perennial, branching at the base. Style longer than the notch of the pod . . . . . 2. *Smith's C.*

Pod not winged.
- Stem stout and erect. Leaves oblong or broadly lanceolate.
  - Upper leaves auricled and clasping the stem. Pod 2 lines broad . . . . . 3. *Hoary C.*
  - Upper leaves narrowed at the base. Pod 1 line broad . . . 4. *Broad-leaved C.*
- Stem much branched and wiry. Leaves linear or pinnate . . 5. *Narrow-leaved C.*

The common *Cress* of our gardens is the *L. sativum*, a native of west central Asia.

1. **Field Cress. Lepidium campestre,** Br.

(*Thlaspi*, Eng. Bot. t. 1385. *Mithridate Pepperwort.*)

An annual or biennial, near a foot high, more or less hoary with minute scaly hairs, or rarely quite glabrous; the stem solitary, erect or nearly so, usually branched in the upper part. Radical leaves stalked, oblong, entire or pinnatifid, with a large terminal lobe; the upper ones oblong or lanceolate, entire or slightly toothed, clasping the stem with short, pointed auricles. Flowers very small. Pods numerous, on spreading pedicels, broadly ovate, thick when ripe, nearly surrounded by the wing, which is narrow at the base, but broad and slightly notched at the top, with a short, often very minute style.

In hilly pastures, cultivated and waste places, over the greater part of Europe, from Sweden to the Caucasus. Generally distributed over England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Smith's Cress. Lepidium Smithii,** Hook.

(*Thlaspi hirtum*, Eng. Bot. t. 1803.)

Very near the *field C.*, but forms a more or less perennial stock. The stems are several together, much shorter, and decumbent at the base; the foliage more hairy, the flowers not quite so small, and the pod glabrous.

In hilly pastures, cultivated and waste places in western Europe, from Spain and Portugal, up western France, to England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. spring and autumn.* It should, perhaps, be united as a mere variety with the *L. hirtum* from south-western Europe, which is hairy all over, including the pods, and the *L. heterophyllum* from western Europe, which is glabrous all over.

3. **Hoary Cress. Lepidium Draba,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2683.)

A perennial about a foot high, more or less hoary with a minute down. The stems stout and erect, branching in the upper part. Leaves oblong or broadly lanceolate, usually slightly toothed, 1½ to 2 inches long, the lower ones stalked, the upper ones clasping the stem with projecting auricles. Racemes not much lengthened, forming a broad flat corymb. Pods about 2 lines broad and not quite so long, very thick, the valves sharply keeled but not winged, the style prominent.

In waste places, by roadsides, etc.; common in central and southern Europe, and temperate Russian Asia. Rare in Britain, and only as an introduced weed in a few English counties. *Fl. spring or early summer.*

4. **Broad-leaved Cress. Lepidium latifolium,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 182.)

A stout, erect perennial, attaining 2 feet or even more in height, of a pale green, but glabrous. Stems much branched in the upper part, but forming a large loose panicle, not a flat corymb as in the *hoary C.* Radical leaves large, ovate, toothed, on long stalks; stem-leaves oblong or broadly lanceolate, 2 or 3 inches long, the lower ones stalked and mostly toothed, the upper sessile, but tapering at the base, and often entire. Pods about 1 line long and broad, the valves scarcely keeled and not winged, the style almost imperceptible.

In waste places, especially near the sea, widely distributed over central and southern Europe and temperate Russian Asia, extending northwards to Sweden. In Britain, apparently indigenous near the coasts of some of the eastern counties of England, appearing occasionally also in some other localities. *Fl. summer.*

5. **Narrow-leaved Cress.** **Lepidium ruderale,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1595.)

A glabrous annual, 6 inches to a foot high, with very much branched wiry stems. The radical and lower leaves pinnatifid, with narrow lobes; the upper ones entire or nearly so, and linear. Flowers very minute, generally without petals, and only 2 stamens. Pods small, nearly orbicular; the valves keeled or sometimes very slightly winged at the top; the style very minute.

In dry gravelly soils, waste places, on rubbish and old walls, chiefly near the sea, nearly all over Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. In Britain, along the coast of England, from Bristol round to Norfolk, but scarcely wild inland. *Fl. early summer, and often on till autumn.*

XXIV. **SENEBIERA.** SENEBIERA.

Prostrate annuals, with pinnate leaves, and short racemes of small white flowers opposite the leaves. Petals and stamens as in *Cress.* Pod laterally compressed (at right angles to the *narrow* partition), orbicular or broader than long, either indehiscent or separating into two nuts, each with a single seed. Radicle incumbent on the back of the cotyledons, but the bend is, as in *Awlwort*, a little above the base of the cotyledons themselves, not at their junction with the radicle.

A genus of very few species, but widely diffused over the whole range of the Order.

Pods 2 lines broad, deeply wrinkled, sessile or nearly so . . . . . 1. *Common S.*
Pods 1 line broad, slightly wrinkled, on slender pedicels . . . . . 2. *Lesser S.*

1. **Common Senebiera.** **Senebiera Coronopus,** Poir.

(*Coronopus Ruellii*, Eng. Bot. t. 1660. *Swine's-cress. Wartcress.*)

A pale green, glabrous or glaucous annual, the stems, when first flowering, forming a short, close tuft, afterwards spreading along the ground to the length of 6 inches or more. Leaves once or twice pinnately divided, the segments not numerous, linear or wedge-shaped, entire or toothed. Racemes at first forming close sessile heads, but, as the fruit ripens, lengthening out to 1 or 2 inches. Pedicels seldom a line long. Pod about 2 lines broad and not quite so long, scarcely notched at the top, marked with deep wrinkles, which form a kind of crest round the edge; it usually remains entire when ripe.

In cultivated and waste places, in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, extending northward into Sweden. Rather plentiful in southern England and Ireland, decreasing northwards, and quite local in Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

2. **Lesser Senebiera.** **Senebiera didyma,** Pers.

(*Lepidium*, Eng. Bot. t. 248.)

Much like the *common S.* in habit and foliage, but generally more slender

often spriukled with a few hairs ; the leaves rather smaller and more divided ; the flowers smaller, in looser raeemes. Pod seareely more than a line broad, but slightly wrinkled, and readily separating into two ovoid nuts.

On the seaeoasts of North and South Ameriea, South Africa, and western Europe. In Britain, on the southern and western shores of England, from Sussex to Caernarvonshire, and in Ireland. In inland distriets only as an oeeasional straggler. *Fl. all summer.*

XXV. **WOAD.** ISATIS.

Ereet annuals or biennials, with undivided leaves, the upper ones elasping the stem, and aurieled. The flowers small, yellow, and numerous. Pod flat, pendulous, obovate or oblong, with a strong rib on eaeh side, indehiseent, and eontaining a single seed. Radiele ineumbent on the baek of the eotyledons.

A small genus, spread over southern Europe and western Asia.

1. **Dyer's Woad. Isatis tinctoria,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 97.)

Stems 18 inches to 2 or 3 feet high, braneheb in the upper part, glabrous and glaueous, or with a few hairs in the lower part. Radieal leaves obovate or oblong, eoarsely toothed and stalked, 2 to 4 ineheslong ; the upper ones narrow and laneeolate, with prominent auricles. Pods hanging from slender pedieels, generally about 7 or 8 lines long and 2 to 2½ broad, and tapering to the base, but somewhat differing in size and shape aeeording to the variety.

Of south-eastern origin, formerly mueh eultivated in many parts of Europe and Asia, and has thenee beeome established in stony or waste plaees, as far north as Sweden. Repeatedly found in several loealities in Britain, but seareely fully naturalized. *Fl. summer.*

XXVI. **CAKILE.** CAKILE.

Maritime braneheng annuals, with fleshy leaves and purplish or white flowers. Pod oblong-linear, somewhat compressed, without any longitudinal partition or valves, but, when ripe, separating transversely into 2 artieles, the upper one mitre-shaped, deeiduous, eontaining one ereet seed ; the lower one persistent, not unlike the head of a pike, divided into two points, and eontaining a pendulous ovule, whieh seldom enlarges into a seed. Radiele obliquely ineumbent on the baek or towards the edge of the eotyledons.

A genus eonsisting of very few speeies, spread over the seaeoasts of the northern hemisphere, both in the new and old world.

1. **Sea Cakile. Cakile maritima,** Seop.

(*Bunias Cakile*, Eng. Bot. t. 231. *Sea Rocket.*)

Stems hard at the base, with loose straggling braneheb a foot long or more, and glabrous. Leaves few, thiek and fleshy, with a few distant, oblong or linear lobes. Flowers not unlike those of a *Stock*, hut smaller. Pods on short thiek pedieels, distant from eaeh other in long raeemes ; when young, linear or laneeolate and entire, but when ripe, forming tho two peeuliar artieles above deseribed. Radiele remarkably large.

In maritime sands and salt-marshes; on all the seacoasts of Europe and western Asia, except the extreme north. Common all round Britain. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

XXVII. **CRAMBE.** CRAMBE.

Erect, stout perennials, or, in some foreign species, annuals, with toothed or divided leaves, and loose panicles of white flowers. Pod apparently stalked in the calyx (that is, supported on a stalk-like abortive lower article), globular, indehiscent, with one seed. Radicle incumbent on the back of the cotyledons, which are folded over it as in *Brassica*.

A well-characterized and natural genus, containing several south European, west Asiatic, and Canary Island species.

1. **Seakale Crambe. Crambe maritima,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 924. *Seakale.*)

A glabrous plant, of a glaucous green, forming a thick, hard, perennial stock. Stems branched, about 2 feet high. Lower leaves stalked, large, rather thick, broadly oblong or rounded, waved and coarsely toothed or pinnatifid; the upper leaves few and smaller. Panicle large and much branched. Filaments of the longer stamens forked. Pod 3 or 4 lines diameter; the abortive article or stalk within the calyx about a line long or rather more.

In maritime sands and stony places, along the western coasts of Europe, and on the Baltic, reappearing on the Black Sea. In Britain, rather thinly scattered along the coasts of England, of Ireland, and of the Scotch lowlands, becoming more scarce northwards. Introduced into our gardens last century, from Devonshire. *Fl. early summer.*

XXVIII. **RADISH.** RAPHANUS.

Coarse, often hairy annuals or biennials; the lower leaves pinnatifid or pinnate, the flowers rather large. Pod more or less elongated, thick, pointed, indehiscent, more or less contracted or even jointed between the seeds, without any longitudinal partition when ripe, but containing several seeds, separated by a pithy substance filling the pod. Radicle incumbent on the back of the cotyledons, which are folded over it.

A genus well characterized by the pod, but consisting of very few species, or perhaps only of several more or less permanent races of one species. The most distinct form, our garden *Radish*, is unknown in a wild state, but some varieties of the wild one, on the coasts of the Mediterranean, come so near to it as to suggest the possibility that it may be but a cultivated race of the same species, although placed by some botanists in a distinct genus.

1. **Wild Radish. Raphanus Raphanistrum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 856. *Jointed Charlock.*)

An erect or spreading annual or biennial, 1 to 2 feet high, much branched, with a few stiff hairs on the base of the stem. Leaves pinnately divided or lobed, the terminal segment large, obovate or oblong, and rough with short hairs; the upper leaves often narrow and entire. Flowers of the size of those of the *Charlock*, the calyx very erect, the petals either white, with

coloured veins, or pale yellow, or lilac. Pod usually 1 to 1½ inches long, nearly cylindrical when fresh, and terminating in a long, pointed or conical style, when dry more or less furrowed longitudinally, and often separating in joints between the seeds.

A common weed of cultivation, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, and equally abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer and autumn.* A seacoast variety, particularly abundant round the Mediterranean, but extending up the shores of western Europe to those of England, Ireland, and southern Scotland, has been distinguished as a species, under the name of *R. maritimus* (Eng. Bot. t. 1643). It has the leaves usually more divided, the pods often longer, and is more apt to last a second year, but all the other characters derived from the colour of the flower, the comparative length of the style and pod, the depth of the furrows, etc., occur also on inland specimens, at least on the Continent.

VII. THE MIGNIONETTE FAMILY. RESEDACEÆ.

A small family, limited in Britain to the single genus *Mignionette.* The exotic genera, of very few species each, associated with it, originally formed part of it, but have been separated on account chiefly of the slight differences in the structure of the fruit.

I. MIGNIONETTE. RESEDA.

Herbs, either annual or with a short perennial stock, alternate leaves, no stipules, and small greenish-yellow or white flowers, in long terminal racemes or spikes. Sepals 4 to 6. Petals as many, small, narrow, and some or all of them deeply divided. Stamens indefinite, but not numerous (about 8 to 24), inserted under the ovary on a glandular disk. Ovary single, with short teeth, each terminating in a very short style or sessile stigma. Capsule green, open at the top long before maturity, containing several seeds, arranged along as many parietal placentas as there were styles. Seeds without albumen.

The species are not numerous, and chiefly confined to Europe, northern Africa, and western Asia. The narrow, insignificant, divided petals, and open capsule, are sufficient to distinguish them from all other British plants.

Leaves entire . . . . . 1. *Dyer's M.*
Leaves cut or divided.
Petals white, all divided. Leaves pinnate, with many entire segments . . . . . 3. *White M.*
Petals greenish-yellow, one or two of them undivided. Leaves trifid or pinnate, with few segments, often again divided . . . 2. *Cut-leaved M.*

The *sweet Mignionette* of our gardens (*R. odorata*) is a native of Egypt, nearly allied to the *cut-leaved M.*

1. Dyer's Mignionette. Reseda Luteola, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 320. *Weld, Yellow Weed,* or *Dyer's Rocket.*)

An erect glabrous annual or biennial, with a hard, stiff, scarcely branched stem, 1 to 2 feet high. Leaves linear or lanceolate, 2 to 3 inches long, entire, but slightly waved on the edges. Flowers of a yellowish green, in

long, stiff spikes. Sepals 4. Petals 4 or 5, very unequal, the 1 or 2 lower ones entire, the upper ones divided into 2 to 5 lobes. Capsules nearly globular, with 3 or sometimes 4 teeth, and twice as many external furrows.

In waste places, throughout temperate and southern Europe, from Sweden to the Caucasus. Extends over the greater part of Britain, but decreases northward, although found occasionally as far as Aberdeen. Long cultivated for the use of dyers, it may not improbably be an introduced plant with us, as in northern Europe generally. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Cut-leaved Mignionette. Reseda lutea,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 321.)

Not so tall as the *dyer's M.*, much more branched, and less erect. Leaves very variable, but always deeply divided, most of them once or twice trifid, but occasionally pinnatifid, with few oblong or linear segments, much waved on the margins. Flowers on slender pedicels, in long racemes. Sepals usually 6, but sometimes only 5. Petals as many, of a greenish yellow, the lowest entire or 2-cleft, the others irregularly divided into 2, 3, or 4. Capsule oblong, with 3, rarely 4, very short teeth.

In waste places, especially in limestone districts, in central and southern Europe, to the Caucasus. In Britain, chiefly prevalent in south-eastern England, but extends also to the limestones of the western and northern counties of England, into Ireland, and up the east coast of Scotland to Aberdeen. *Fl. summer.*

3. **White Mignionette. Reseda alba,** Linn.
(*R. fruticulosa*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2628.)

A tall perennial, the lower leaves crowded on the stock or base of the stem, and all deeply pinnate, with numerous (9 to 21) linear or lanceolate segments, entire, but waved on the margins. Flowers on short pedicels, much whiter than in the two last species. Sepals 5 or 6. Petals as many, all equal, and 3-cleft. Capsule ovoid, with 4, or sometimes 3, 5, or 6 teeth.

A Mediterranean species, long since introduced into our cottage gardens, and, as an outcast from them, appears to have become naturalized in some parts of the south coasts of England and Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

VIII. THE CISTUS FAMILY. CISTACEÆ.

Shrubs or herbs, with opposite, or, in a few exotic species, alternate leaves, with or without stipules; the flowers in terminal racemes. Sepals 3, nearly equal, overlapping each other in the bud, with or without 2 smaller outer ones. Petals 5, or rarely fewer, broadly spreading. Stamens numerous, hypogynous, and free. Ovary and style single. Capsule 1-celled, or incompletely divided into several cells, opening in 3, 5, or 10 valves, which bear along their centre as many placentas or imperfect partitions. Seeds several, the embryo curved, imbedded in albumen.

A small Order, spread chiefly over southern and western Europe and northern Africa, with a few American species. It corresponds with the old Linnean genus *Cistus*, which is now limited to the large-flowered species with 5 valves to the capsule. They are none of them British, but include the well-known *Gum-Cistuses* of our gardens.

I. **ROCKCIST.** HELIANTHEMUM.

Low or diffuse undershrubs or herbs, with the flowers smaller than in the true *Cistuses*, and the capsule opening in 3 valves only. The leaves in the British species are all opposite, and the two outer sepals very seldom wanting.

The geographical range is the same as that of the family.

Erect annual . . . . . 1. *Spotted R.*
Diffuse, much branched undershrubs.
  No stipules to the leaves (flowers small) . . . . . 2. *Hoary R.*
  A pair of stipules at the base of each leaf.
    Leaves green above, nearly flat. Flowers usually yellow . . . . 3. *Common R.*
    Leaves whitish on both sides, the edges rolled back. Flowers always white . . . . . 4. *White R.*

1. **Spotted Rockcist. Helianthemum guttatum,** Mill.

(*Cistus*, Eng. Bot. t. 544.)

An erect, hairy annual, often branched at the base, from a few inches to near a foot high. Leaves narrow-oblong or lanceolate, or the lower ones obovate and very obtuse; the upper ones more pointed, and often accompanied by stipules, which are wanting to the lower ones. Racemes loose, with small flowers on slender pedicels. Petals very fugacious, yellow, either with or without a dark spot at their base, varying also in size, and in their edges entire or jagged.

In pastures, fields, and waste places, very common in western and southern Europe, extending northward through France to the Channel Islands, and southern Ireland, and reappearing on the Holyhead mountain in Anglesea. *Fl. summer.* The Anglesea specimens are rather stunted, with the leaves broader than usual, and have been published as a species under the name of *H. Breweri.*

2. **Hoary Rockcist. Helianthemum canum,** Dun.

(*Cistus marifolius*, Eng. Bot. t. 396.)

A much smaller and more compact undershrub than the *common R.* The leaves much smaller, seldom 6 lines long, white underneath, or sometimes on both sides, and all without stipules. Racemes numerous and short, with small bracts at the base of the pedicels. Flowers yellow, very much smaller than in the *common R.*

In rocky, hilly districts, in central, western, and south-western Europe, from southern Sweden to Spain. Rather rare in Britain, on limestone rocks in western and north-western England. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Common Rockcist. Helianthemum vulgare,** Gærtn.

(*Cistus Helianthemum*, Eng. Bot. t. 1321. *C. tomentosus*, Eng. Bot. t. 2208. *Rock-rose.*)

A low, diffuse undershrub, with a short, much branched, woody stem, and annual procumbent or ascending flowering branches, from a few inches to

near a foot long. Leaves shortly stalked, mostly oblong, but varying from ovate to lanceolate, scarcely curved down on the edges, glabrous or slightly hairy, green above, and more or less hoary or white underneath. Stipules linear-lanceolate, 1 to 2, or even 3 lines long. Racemes loose, the pedicels deflected before and after flowering. The 3 larger sepals marked with 3 very prominent ribs, and often scarious between them; the 2 outer very small. Petals broadly spreading, bright yellow, near 6 lines long and broad.

In dry meadows and pastures, throughout Europe and western Asia, except the extreme north. Not uncommon in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. all summer.* A curious variety, or rather an accidental deformity, occasionally seen in gardens, and supposed to have been originally found near Croydon in Surrey, with small, narrow, deeply-cut petals, has been figured under the name of *H. surrejanum* (Eng. Bot. t. 2207). The *Rock-roses* of our gardens are chiefly varieties of this species, which, under cultivation, varies much in the colour of its flowers.

4. **White Rockcist. Helianthemum polifolium,** Pers.
(*Cistus*, Eng. Bot. t. 1322.)

Very near the *common R.*, and by some considered as one of its numerous varieties. It is less straggling, the leaves are narrow, much rolled back on the edges, and hoary on both sides, and the flowers are always white.

On limestone, rocky wastes, common in south-western and some parts of central Europe. In Britain only on Brent Downs in Somersetshire, and at Torquay and Babbicombe in Devonshire. *Fl. summer.*

IX. THE VIOLET FAMILY. VIOLACEÆ.

A family limited in Europe to the single genus *Violet*. The exotic genera associated with it agree with it in their 5 sepals and petals, their 5 anthers placed on the inner surface of the short, broad filaments, and their 1-celled ovary with three parietal placentas. They are chiefly tropical, and many are trees or shrubs, with small, almost regular flowers.

I. VIOLET. VIOLA.

Low annuals or perennials, with stipulate, radical, or alternate leaves, and (in the British species) axillary or radical 1-flowered peduncles. Sepals 5, produced at the base beyond their insertion. Corolla irregular, of 5 spreading petals, the lowest produced into a spur at the base. Stamens 5, the filaments very short and broad, bearing the anthers on their inner surface, and more or less cohering in a ring round the ovary, the two lower ones lengthened into a short spur at the base. Style single, with a dilated or thickened or hooked stigma. Ovary 1-celled, with several ovules inserted on 3 parietal placentas. Fruit a capsule, opening in 3 valves, which become folded lengthwise so as to clasp tightly the shining seeds.

A considerable genus, widely spread over the greater part of the globe, and readily distinguished by the stamens and spurred flowers from all British Polypetals except *Balsam*, which is at once known by the number

and shape of the sepals and petals. In all the British species, except the *Pansy*, the showy, perfect flowers seldom set their fruits. The capsules and seeds are generally produced by minute flowers, almost without petals or stamens, which appear later in the year.

Sepals obtuse. Flowers and leaves apparently radical. Stem very short.
Leaves glabrous, reniform. Flowers small, scentless . . . . . 1. *Marsh V.*
Leaves more or less downy or hairy.
Flowers sweet-scented. Lateral scions creeping . . . . . 2. *Sweet V.*
Flowers scentless. No creeping scions. Leaves very hairy . . . . 3. *Hairy V.*
Sepals acute. Annual flowering branches more or less elongated.
Stipules narrow, entire, ciliate or toothed. Stigma hooked and pointed 4. *Dog V.*
Stipules deeply divided. Stigma thickened, with a tuft of hairs below it 5. *Pansy V.*

The *V. calcarata* from the Alps, the *V. cornuta* from the Pyrenees, and occasionally a few other exotic species, may be met with in our gardens.

1. **Marsh Violet.** **Viola palustris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 444.)

The stock occasionally emits runners or scions, like the *sweet V.*, but it is a smaller plant, and perfectly glabrous, except very rarely a few hairs on the peduncles. Leaves reniform or orbicular, and cordate at the base, very slightly crenate. Flowers smaller than in the *sweet V.*, of a pale blue, with purple streaks, and quite scentless; the sepals obtuse, the spur very short. Stigma broad, oblique.

In marshy ground and bogs, widely distributed over northern and central Europe, Russian Asia, and North America. Abundant in Scotland, but decreasing southwards, and quite local in southern England. Common in some parts of Ireland. *Fl. spring and early summer; the petalless flowers in summer.*

2. **Sweet Violet.** **Viola odorata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 619.)

Perennial stock short, but sometimes branched, knotted with the remains of the old leaf-stalks and stipules, and usually emitting creeping runners or scions. Leaves in radical (or rather, terminal) tufts, broadly cordate, rounded at the top, and crenate, downy or shortly hairy, with rather long stalks. Stipules narrow-lanceolate or linear, and entire. Peduncles about as long as the leaf-stalks, with a pair of small bracts about halfway up. Flowers nodding, of the bluish-purple colour named after them, or white, more or less sweet-scented. Sepals obtuse. Spur of the lower petal short. Stigma pointed, horizontal or turned downwards.

On banks, under hedges, in woods, and on the borders of meadows, widely spread over Europe and Russian Asia, extending northward to southern Sweden. Common in many parts of Britain, although here and there large districts are without it. *Fl. early spring, or some garden varieties in autumn; the small petalless flowers that produce the seeds may be seen nearly all summer.* Some Continental botanists distinguish several species from minute differences in the shape and hairs of the petals.

3. **Hairy Violet.** **Viola hirta,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 894.)

Very near the *sweet V.*, and most probably a mere variety, seldom producing runners, more hairy in all its parts, with narrower and less obtuse leaves, and scentless flowers.

Chiefly in limestone districts, in rocky places, open woods, and pastures, with a more extended area than the *sweet V.*, penetrating further north in Scandinavia, and yet more common in southern Europe to the Caucasus. Appears more frequent in eastern Britain, and less so in the west, than the *sweet V.*; both are recorded from Ireland. *Fl. rather later than the sweet V.*

4. Dog Violet. Viola canina, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 620. *V. sylvática* and *V. stagnina*, Bab. Man.)

Stock short, with the radical leaves tufted, and the flowering branches at first so short as to give the plant much resemblance to the *sweet V.*; but as the season advances, the lateral flowering branches are always more or less elongated, ascending or erect, from a few inches to near a foot long. Leaves ovate, cordate, varying from nearly orbicular to broadly lanceolate, usually glabrous as well as the whole plant. Stipules narrow-lanceolate and pointed. Flowers much like those of the *sweet V.*, but usually paler, always scentless, and the sepals pointed. The complete flowers set their fruit more frequently than in the *sweet V.*, but yet the greater number of capsules are produced by the later petalless flowers.

Very common in a variety of situations, throughout Europe and Russian Asia. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. spring and early summer; the petalless flowers all summer.* It varies much in size, in the shape of the leaves, and in the mode of development of the flowering branches, and has been divided into a number of species, which may be reduced to three principal varieties, viz.:—

a. *Dwarf Dog Violet* (*V. flavicornis*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2736). Usually only 2 or 3 inches high, the flowering branches frequently perennial at the base, and the capsules almost always obtuse, being produced by the petalless flowers. Grows in open, dry, or sandy situations.

b. *Common Dog Violet.* Six inches high or more, the flowering branches all lateral. Leaves ovate, cordate. Capsules often pointed, and produced by the complete flowers. On hedge-banks and in thickets.

c. *Narrow-leaved Dog Violet* (*V. lactea*, Eng. Bot. t. 445). Flowering branches more erect than in the common variety, often much longer, although sometimes short. Leaves ovate-lanceolate, from one and a half to three times as long as broad, and cordate at the base. Flowers very pale or white. Very luxuriant on boggy heaths, dwarf near the seaside.

5. Pansy Violet. Viola tricolor, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1287. *Heartsease* or *Pansy.*)

A most variable plant, but easily recognized by the branching stem, the large leaf-like stipules deeply divided into several linear or oblong lobes, the central or terminal one the largest, broadest, and most obtuse, and by the style thickened at the top into an almost globular oblique stigma. The plant is glabrous, or slightly downy. Leaves stalked, from narrow-oblong to ovate or cordate, always obtuse and slightly crenate. Flowers purple, whitish, or yellow, or with a mixture of these colours; the two upper pair of petals slightly overlapping each other, and usually more coloured, the lower petal always broadest, and generally yellow at the base.

On hilly pastures and banks, in cultivated and waste places throughout Europe and Russian Asia, and abundant in Britain, especially as a weed of cultivation. *Fl. from spring till autumn.* It is the most variable of all our

Violets, and has been divided into more than a dozen species. The following are the most prominent forms, which, however constantly different they may sometimes appear, at others pass gradually into each other.

a. *Field Pansy* (*V. arvensis*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2712). A slender annual, from 2 or 3 inches to 6 inches or a foot long. The lobes of the stipules and leaves narrow; the petals small, sometimes shorter than the calyx, pale yellow, nearly white, or the upper ones pale purple. A very common weed of cultivation.

b. *Garden Pansy* (*V. tricolor*, Eng. Bot. t. 1287). Larger than the *field P.* in all its parts, often biennial or perennial, with broader leaves. The terminal lobe of the stipules larger; the petals much larger than the calyx, very variable in colour. It sows itself readily, but is apt to degenerate into the *field P.*

c. *Yellow Pansy* (*V. lutea*, Eng. Bot. t. 721). Usually perennial. Foliage of the compact forms of the *garden P.* Flowers large and richly coloured, often yellow. In mountain pastures in Wales, northern England, and western Scotland. *V. Curtisii* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2693) is an intermediate form between this and the *garden P.*

X. THE FRANKENIA FAMILY. FRANKENIACEÆ.

An Order limited to the genus *Frankenia*, which differs from the *Pink* family in the parietal placentas of the ovary and capsule, and from the *Hypericum* family in its definite stamens.

I. FRANKENIA. FRANKENIA.

Prostrate or spreading seacoast herbs or undershrubs, with opposite, often clustered, small leaves, and no stipules, the flowers sessile in the upper axils. Sepals combined into a tubular calyx, with 4 or 5 teeth. Petals 4 or 5, with long claws and spreading laminas. Stamens 4 or 5, alternating with the petals, and usually 2 or 3 additional ones opposite the petals. Ovary single, with one style, shortly 2-cleft or 3-cleft. Capsule opening in 2, 3, or 4 valves. Seeds attached to the edges of the valves, very small, with a straight embryo imbedded in albumen.

A genus of few species, but widely spread over the seacoasts of nearly all the temperate and warmer regions of the globe.

1. Common Frankenia. Frankenia lævis, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 205. *Sea-heath.*)

A diffuse, much-branched perennial, spreading to the extent of 6 or 8 inches; glabrous or nearly so in the British specimens. Leaves crowded in little opposite clusters along the branches, small, rather thick, and appearing linear from their edges being closely rolled down. Flowers few, sessile among the upper leaves, forming little terminal leafy heads or short spikes. Calyx furrowed, about the length of the leaves. Petals small, pink.

In maritime sands and salt-marshes, common round the Mediterranean and in central Asia, and extends up the western coasts of Spain and France.

In Britain only on the south-eastern coasts of England. *Fl. summer.* The hairy variety, often distinguished as a species, common in the south, does not appear to extend to Britain.

XI. THE PINK FAMILY. CARYOPHYLLACEÆ.

Annual or perennial herbs, with opposite entire leaves and no stipules, or, in a very few genera, small scarious stipules; the branches usually knotted at each pair of leaves; the flowers not yellow, usually in dichotomous cymes or panicles. Sepals 4 or 5, free, or united into a tubular calyx. Petals as many, twisted in the bud, sometimes minute or wanting. Stamens free, twice as many as the petals, or fewer, inserted under the ovary. Styles 2 to 5, linear, stigmatic along their whole length. Capsule 1-celled, or divided into cells at the base only, opening at the top into as many, or twice as many teeth as there are valves, and containing several seeds, attached to a shorter or longer central column.

A considerable family, widely spread over the globe, most numerous in temperate regions, especially in the northern hemisphere, extending into the Arctic Circle, and to the summits of the Alps, but rare within the tropics. The species are readily distinguished by their foliage and habit from all British polypetalous plants, except *Frankenia*, *Elatine*, and the *cathartic Flax*, which have their ovary and capsule completely divided into cells, and the *Paronychia family*, which have but one seed in the ovary and capsule.

The genera into which the species are distributed are often very artificial, depending on the number of sepals, petals, stamens, or styles. These numbers are not indeed strictly constant, even in different flowers of the same individual; but in general by far the greater number of flowers in each individual will be found to agree in this respect with the characters assigned to the genus to which it belongs. Care must therefore be taken, especially in the smaller-flowered *Alsineæ*, to count the number of parts in several flowers wherever any hesitation is felt as to the genus it should be referred to.

Suborder 1. SILENEÆ.

Sepals united in a tubular or campanulate calyx.

Two or four scales or bracts closely embracing the base or the whole of the calyx	1. PINK.
No scales at the base of the calyx.	
Styles 2	2. SAPONARIA.
Styles 3	3. SILENE.
Styles 5 (rarely 4)	4. LYCHNIS.

Suborder 2. ALSINEÆ.

Sepals free, or only very slightly connected at the base.

Small, white, scaly stipules at the base of the leaves.	
Styles 3. Leaves linear, cylindrical, opposite, not clustered	12. SANDSPURRY.
Styles 3. Leaves flat, the upper ones apparently 4 in a whorl	14. POLYCARP.
Styles 5. Leaves linear, cylindrical, clustered so as to appear many in a whorl	13. SPURRY.

Leaves without any scales or stipules at the base.
Petals entire, or slightly jagged, or none.
Sepals 4 or 5, with the same number of styles.
Capsule opening in 4 or 5 valves. Small, matted, fine-leaved plants . . . . . 5. PEARLWORT.
Capsule opening at the top, in 8 or 10 teeth.
Plant glabrous, stiff, and erect. Petals quite entire . 8. MŒNCHIA.
Plant downy, much branched. Petals slightly notched 10. CERAST.
Sepals 5. Styles 3 (rarely 4).
Petals none. Alpine, moss-like plant . . . . . 6. CHERLERIA.
Petals obovate or oblong (sometimes very small).
Petals quite entire . . . . . 7. SANDWORT.
Petals slightly jagged . . . . . 9. HOLOSTEUM.
Petals 2-cleft.
Styles 3.
Capsule opening to below the middle, in 6 valves . . . 11. STARWORT.
Capsule opening at the top, in 6 short teeth. Alpine plant, with narrow leaves . . . . . STARWORT CERAST.
Styles 5, rarely 4.
Stem-leaves sessile. Capsule opening in 10 or 8 short teeth . . . . . 10. CERAST.
Stem-leaves cordate, stalked. Capsule opening in 5 entire or shortly split valves . . . . . WATER STARWORT.

Among exotic genera, several *Gypsophylls*, from south-eastern Europe, are occasionally cultivated in our flower-gardens, and *Cucubalus baccifer* (Eng. Bot. t. 1577), from central and southern Europe, is said to have been formerly found in the Isle of Dogs, introduced with ballast.

I. **PINK.** DIANTHUS.

Stiff perennials, or more rarely annuals, with narrow leaves. Calyx tubular, 5-toothed, clasped at the base or covered by 2, 4, or 6 broad scales or bracts. Petals usually crenate, or jagged. Stamens 10. Styles 2. Capsule stalked within the calyx, opening at the top in 4 teeth or short valves.

A considerable genus, spread over Europe and Asia, with a few south African species. It is also one of the most natural in the family, readily known by the scales under the calyx.

Annuals. Flowers small, clustered together, the scales as long as the calyx.
Plant glabrous. Scales broad, dry, and scarious . . . . . 1. *Proliferous P.*
Plant slightly downy. Scales narrow, herbaceous, with long points 2. *Deptford P.*
Perennials. Flowers few on each stem, distinct, the scales much shorter than the calyx.
Lower leaves not half an inch long, green, and loosely tufted. Calyx-teeth and scales pointed. Flowers sceutless . . . . . 3. *Maiden P.*
Lower leaves near an inch, stiff, and glaucous. Calyx-teeth and scales broad, obtuse, or with minute points. Flowers scented . 4. *Cheddar P.*

Among the exotic species cultivated in gardens, are the *sweet-William* (*D. barbatus*), the *Carnation* and *Clove Pink* (varieties of *D. Caryophyllus*), the *Pheasant's-eye Pink* (*D. plumarius*), all from central or southern Europe, and the two last said to establish themselves occasionally half-wild on old walls, the *Indian Pink* (*D. sinensis*), etc.

1. **Proliferous Pink. Dianthus prolifer,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 956.)

A stiff, erect, wiry, glabrous annual, simple, or with a few erect branches, 6 inches to a foot high or rather more. Leaves few, narrow, erect, and mostly pointed. Flowers small, in compact, oblong or ovoid, terminal

heads, the calyx quite concealed by broad, dry, shining, almost scarious, imbricated scales, from the top of which appear the small, spreading, pink petals.

On dry, hilly pastures, roadsides, etc., in central and southern Europe, from southern Sweden to the Caucasus. In Britain, confined to a few spots in southern and eastern England. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

2. **Deptford Pink. Dianthus Armeria,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 317.)

An erect annual, rather more than a foot high, slightly branched, and more or less downy with very short hairs. Leaves more herbaceous than in most *Pinks*, 1 to 2 or even 3 inches long, obtuse, or the upper ones pointed. Flowers small and scentless, in terminal clusters. Calyx 8 or 9 lines long, the teeth fine and pointed, the outer scales broad at the base, but tapering into fine green points, often projecting beyond the calyx. Petals narrow, pink, with white dots, crenate on the edge.

On pastures, in waste places, under hedges, etc., in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, and northward to southern Sweden. Not common in Britain, although it has been found in several English and a few of the southern Scotch counties. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Maiden Pink. Dianthus deltoides,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 61.)

A low perennial, forming a loose, diffuse, leafy tuft; not of many years' duration, the flowering stems ascending, glabrous, or slightly hoary, 6 inches to near a foot long, usually forked above the middle. Leaves seldom half an inch long, green and glabrous, obtuse, or the upper ones scarcely pointed. Flowers not large, scentless, pink or spotted with white, solitary or two together, on short peduncles. Calyx 6 or 7 lines long, with pointed teeth, the outer scales broad, with a narrow point reaching to a third or near a half of the length of the calyx.

On banks, open pastures, etc., in Europe and western Asia, penetrating further north into Scandinavia than the two last. More generally distributed over Britain, and abundant in some localities, but wanting in many counties, and not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. all summer.* It varies with 2 or 4 scales to the calyx, and has often white flowers.

4. **Cheddar Pink. Dianthus cæsius,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 62.)

A perennial, of a very glaucous hue, forming a short, densely tufted, often almost woody stock. Lower leaves crowded, stiff, seldom above an inch long, narrow-linear, but obtuse. Flower-stems erect, 5 or 6 inches or rarely near a foot high, simple and 1-flowered, or rarely forked, bearing a few leaves more pointed than the lower ones. Flowers rather large, fragrant. Calyx rather thick, with short teeth, the outer scales 4, broad, very shortly pointed, not half so long as the calyx. Petals broad, irregularly crenate, usually with a few hairs on the inside.

On limestone or volcanic rocks, in various parts of western, central, and southern Europe, but usually very local. In Britain, confined to the Cheddar rocks in Somersetshire. *Fl. June and July.*

II. **SAPONARIA.** SAPONARIA.

Calyx, corolla, and stamens of *Lychnis*. Styles 2. Capsule opening at the top in 4 teeth or short valves.

This genus, artificially distinguished by the number of styles, comprises several European and west Asiatic species, among which the *S. ocymoides* and *calabrica* are frequently cultivated in our flower-gardens, and *S. Vaccaria*, a common cornfield weed in Continental Europe and central Asia, remarkable for its angular calyx and small pink flowers, is said to have appeared occasionally in our own cornfields.

1. **Common Saponaria. Saponaria officinalis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1060. *Soapwort.*)

A glabrous perennial, with several stout, leafy, erect stems, from 1 to 2 feet high. Leaves ovate or elliptical, 2 to 3 inches long, strongly marked with 3 or 5 ribs, and narrowed at the base into a very short, broad stalk. Flowers large and handsome, of a pale pink, or nearly white, in dense corymbs or heads at the summit of the stems, surrounded by small lanceolate floral leaves or bracts. Calyx tubular, about 9 or 10 lines long. Petals obcordate.

On banks, roadsides, and waste places, throughout central and southern Europe and western Asia. Abundant in some parts of England, Ireland, and southern Scotland, about villages and habitations, probably introduced from cultivation, but perhaps really native on the coasts of Cornwall and Devon. *Fl. summer.*

III. **SILENE.** SILENE.

Calyx, corolla, and stamens of *Lychnis*. Styles 3. Capsules opening at the top in 6 teeth or short valves.

A very numerous genus, widely spread over Europe, Russian and central Asia, and North America, with a few south African species. It is very artificially distinguished from *Saponaria* and *Lychnis* by the number of styles, and the popular names of *Catchfly* and *Campion* each include species of both *Silene* and *Lychnis*. It has been proposed to abandon the character derived from the styles, and to distinguish these two genera by the number of the teeth or valves of the capsule, the same as that of the styles in *Lychnis*, twice as many in *Silene*, thus transferring the *red* and *white Lychnises* to *Silene*, but this would scarcely render the genera less artificial.

Calyx glabrous. Leaves glabrous or slightly downy.
- Moss-like alpine plant, with very short tufted stems . . . . 1. *Dwarf S.*
- Stem elongated.
  - Calyx much inflated after flowering, ovoid or globular . . . 2. *Bladder S.*
  - Calyx short, not inflated. Flowers numerous, small . . . 3. *Spanish S.*

Calyx and foliage downy or hairy.
- Perennials.
  - Calyx short. Flowers small, numerous, in opposite bunches or whorls . . . . . 3. *Spanish S.*
  - Calyx tubular. Flowers rather large, nodding, on opposite peduncles, forming loose panicles . . . . . 4. *Nodding S.*
- Annuals. Calyx contracted at the top, with narrow teeth.
  - Flowers axillary, forming unilateral spikes. Calyx 10-ribbed 5. *Small-flowered S.*
  - Flowers in terminal dichotomous panicles, or solitary.
    - Calyx conical, 25- to 30-ribbed . . . . . 6. *Striated S.*
    - Calyx long and tubular, 10-ribbed . . . . . 7. *Night S.*

Two south European species, *S. italica* (*S. patens*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2748) and the *Lobel's Catchfly* (*S. Armeria*, Eng. Bot. t. 1398), appear to have occasionally escaped from gardens, and sown themselves in some localities. Several other exotic species, especially *S. compacta*, *S. vespertina*, *S. rubetla*, *S. Shafta*, etc., are frequent ornaments of our flower-beds.

1. Dwarf Silene. **Silene acaulis**, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1081. *Moss Campion.*)

This beautiful little mountain plant forms dense moss-like tufts, often many inches diameter, consisting of a much branched perennial stock, the very short branches covered with the remains of old leaves, and crowned by dense spreading clusters of short, green, linear, and glabrous leaves. From the centre of these arise the numerous flowers, either sessile or on 1-flowered peduncles, which seldom attain an inch in length. Calyx broadly tubular or campanulate, quite glabrous, with rather obtuse teeth. Petals reddish-purple, obovate, slightly notched, with a small scale at the base of the lamina.

In the mountains of northern and Arctic Europe, Asia, and America, and, at considerable elevations, on the great mountain-ranges of central and southern Europe. Abundant in the mountains of Scotland and northern Ireland, extending more sparingly into the Lake district of England and into North Wales. *Fl. summer.*

2. Bladder Silene. **Silene inflata**, Sm.

(*Cucubalus Behen*, Eng. Bot. t. 164. *Bladder Campion.*)

A perennial, loosely branched at the base, with ascending or seldom erect stems, from 6 inches to above a foot long, of a glaucous green, and usually glabrous. Leaves ovate, oblong, or rarely nearly linear, and usually pointed. Flowers few, white, erect or slightly drooping, in loose terminal panicles. Calyx rather more than half an inch long, becomes at length almost globular, inflated, and much veined. Petals more or less deeply 2-cleft, with a small scale at the base of the lamina, which sometimes disappears altogether.

In fields, on banks, roadsides, and waste places, throughout Europe and Russian and central Asia, extending into the Arctic regions and to high alpine summits. Generally spread over Britain, but not very common. *Fl. all summer.* A seacoast variety, with short diffuse stems, thicker, more obtuse leaves, and almost solitary flowers, has been distinguished as a species, under the name of *S. maritima* (Eng. Bot. t. 957).

3. Spanish Silene. **Silene Otites**, Sm.

(*Cucubalus*, Eng. Bot. t. 85.)

Perennial stock short and tufted, with narrow leaves, as in the *nodding S.*; the stems simple, erect and stiff, with few leaves, about a foot high. Flowers dicecious, small and numerous, of a pale yellowish green, arranged in loose, opposite clusters, having the appearance of whorls, and forming a long, narrow panicle. Calyx scarcely 1½ lines long. Petals narrow and entire. Style and stamens projecting beyond the flower.

In sandy fields and pastures, in central, southern, and especially eastern Europe, and all across Russian Asia, not so common in western Europe, although extending to the sandy shores of the Atlantic. In Britain only in Norfolk, Suffolk, and Cambridgeshire. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Nodding Silene. Silene nutans,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 465, *not good. Nottingham Catchfly.*)

Stock tufted and perennial, with a rather thick taproot, short, procumbent barren shoots, and erect flowering stems, 1 to 2 feet high, more or less hoary with short hairs, and usually viscid in the upper part. Lower leaves oblong-obovate, pointed, narrowed into a long stalk, the stem-leaves few, narrow, and sessile. Flowers nodding, in a loose, rather narrow paniele, 3 or 5 together on short opposite peduncles. Calyx tubular, 4 or 5 lines long. Petals white, or greenish underneath, deeply 2-cleft, with long elaws, the style and stamens projecting beyond the flower.

On hilly or stony pastures, and in rocky districts, over nearly the whole of Europe and Russian Asia to the Arctic Circle. Distributed over several parts of England and southern Scotland, but in some places introduced only, and not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

5. **Small-flowered Silene. Silene gallica,** Linn.

(*S. anglica*, Eng. Bot. t. 1178.)

A hairy, slightly viscid, much branched annual, 6 inches to near a foot high, erect or decumbent at the base. Lower leaves small and obovate, upper ones narrow and pointed. Flowers small, nearly sessile, generally all turned to one side, forming a simple or forked terminal spike, with a linear bract at the base of each flower. Calyx very hairy, with 10 longitudinal ribs and 5 slender teeth, at first tubular, afterwards ovoid, and much contracted at the top. Petals very small, entire or notched, pale red or white.

Probably of south European origin, but now a common weed in sandy or gravelly fields and waste places, especially near the sea, in most parts of the cultivated world; pretty frequent in southern England, and appearing occasionally in other parts of Britain. *Fl. summer.* A variety with a dark spot on the petals, *S. quinquevulnera* (Eng. Bot. t. 86), used to be cultivated in flower-gardens.

6. **Striated Silene. Silene conica,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 922.)

An erect, simple, or slightly branched annual, about 6 inches high, slightly hoary with minute, soft hairs. Radical leaves obovate, spreading, those of the stem narrow and erect. Flowers few, in a small, compact, terminal panicle. Calyx conical, about 6 lines long, marked with 25 to 30 longitudinal veins, the mouth always contracted, with 5 slender teeth. Petals small, pale pink, notched or 2-cleft.

In sandy fields and waste places, especially near the sea, common in central and southern Europe and central Asia, but not reaching into northern Germany. In Britain, confined to south-eastern England, or appearing occasionally on ballast-hills further north. *Fl. summer.*

7. **Night Silene. Silene noctiflora,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 291.)

A coarse, erect, hairy, and viscid annual, 1 to 2 feet high, simple or branched. Lower leaves ovate or ovate-lanceolate, and shortly stalked, the upper ones narrow-lanceolate and sessile. Flowers two or three, or sometimes several together, in a loose, terminal, dichotomous panicle. Calyx above an inch long, tubular, with 10 ribs and 5 slender teeth,

swelling, as the fruit ripens, rather below the middle. Petals rather large, 2-cleft, pale pink or nearly white, opening at night.

Probably of south European origin, now a common cornfield weed in central Europe, and found occasionally as such in various parts of England and southern Scotland. *Fl. with the corn.*

IV. **LYCHNIS.** LYCHNIS.

Calyx tubular or inflated, with 5 teeth. Petals 5, with erect claws and a spreading lamina, entire or 2-cleft, usually with a small, double or notched scale at its base. Stamens 10. Styles 5, or very rarely 4. Capsule 1-celled, or divided at the base into 5 cells, and opening in 5 or 10 teeth or short valves at the top.

Far less numerous than *Silene*, the species of this genus are however widely spread over the northern hemisphere without the tropics. Some botanists break up the genus into several small ones, referring the British species to *Melandrium*, *Agrostemma*, *Lychnis*, and *Viscaria*.

Calyx with long, narrow, green lobes projecting beyond the petals . . 3. *Corn L.*
Calyx-teeth shorter than the petals.
  Calyx after flowering much swollen, ovoid and globular.
    Plant glabrous and glaucous. Calyx veined . . . . . *Bladder Silene.*
    Plant coarse, green, and hairy. Calyx 10-ribbed.
      Flowers white. Capsule ovoid . . . . . 1. *White L.*
      Flowers red. Capsule nearly globular . . . . . 2. *Red L.*
  Calyx tubular or short, not swollen.
    Flowers in loose panicles. Petals cut into narrow strips . . . . 4. *Meadow L.*
    Flowers in heads, or dense oblong panicles.
      Stems very viscid. Calyx narrow, tubular. Petals notched . . 5. *Viscid L.*
      Stems not viscid. Calyx short. Petals 2-cleft . . . . . 6. *Alpine L.*

Among the exotic species most frequently cultivated for ornament, may be mentioned the *L. chalcedonica*, *L. coronaria* or *Rose Campion*, *L. Cœli-Rosa*, and *L. ocellata*, from the Mediterranean region or the Levant, and *L. fulgens* from Mexico.

1. **White Lychnis. Lychnis vespertina,** Sibth.

(*L. dioica alba*, Eng. Bot. t. 1580.)

A rather coarse, hairy biennial, more or less viscid, 1 to 2 feet high, and loosely branched. Leaves oval-oblong, usually pointed, tapering at the base, the lower ones stalked. Flowers few, in loose panicles, rather large, white, or rarely pale pink, opening in the evening (when they are slightly scented), and usually dicœcious. Calyx 7 to 9 lines long, softly hairy, with 10 ribs and 5 lanceolate-linear teeth, swelling as the capsule ripens, so as to assume an ovoid shape. Petals 2-cleft. Capsule ovoid, opening at the top in 10 teeth, which remain erect, or curve slightly outwards.

Under hedges, in fields and waste places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. all summer.*

2. **Red Lychnis. Lychnis diurna,** Sibth.

(*L. dioica rubra*, Eng. Bot. t. 1579.)

Very near the *white L.*, and perhaps a mere variety, but the plant is less viscid, the leaves and calyxes usually shorter, the flowers red, scentless, opening in the morning, and the capsule more globular, the 10 teeth very spreading, or rolled back.

In moist, shady places, woods and hedge-banks, with the same geographical range as the *white L.* Equally common in Britain. *Fl. all summer, commencing in spring.*

3. Corn Lychnis. **Lychnis Githago,** Lam.

(*Agrostemma*, Eng. Bot. t. 741. *Corn Cockle.*)

A tall, erect annual, simple or slightly branched, clothed with long, soft, whitish appressed hairs. Leaves long and narrow. Flowers on long leafless peduncles, rather large, red, and inodorous, remarkable for the long, green, linear lobes of the calyx, projecting much beyond the petals; the latter are broad, undivided, and without any scales on the lamina. Capsule opening in 5 teeth.

Probably of south-eastern origin, but now a common cornfield weed, all over Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in British cornfields. *Fl. with the corn.*

4. Meadow Lychnis. **Lychnis Flos-cuculi,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 573. *Ragged Robin.*)

Stock short and perennial, but not of long duration, stems erect, not much branched, 1 to 2 feet high, slightly downy below and viscid above. Leaves few, narrow-lanceolate, the lower ones stalked. Flowers in loose terminal panicles, red and scentless, but remarkable for their petals cut into 4 linear lobes, the two middle ones the longest. Calyx short, glabrous, with 10 ribs and 5 short teeth. Capsule nearly globular, opening in 5 teeth.

In moist or marshy meadows and pastures, ditches, etc., throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. spring and summer.*

5. Viscid Lychnis. **Lychnis Viscaria,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 788.)

Stock perennial, usually tufted, the flowering stems erect, 6 inches to a foot high, glabrous, but very viscid in the upper part. Leaves long and narrow, the lower ones contracted into long stalks, which are often fringed with a few woolly hairs. Flowers red, in close, sessile or shortly-stalked, opposite clusters, forming an oblong panicle, or sometimes a terminal head. Calyx tubular, about 6 lines long, with 10 veins and 5 short teeth, rather swollen above the middle as the fruit ripens. Petals slightly notched.

On rocks and rather dry hilly pastures, in northern and central Europe and a great part of Russian Asia, but not an Arctic plant, and yet rare in southern Europe. In Britain, confined to a few localities in North Wales and Scotland, especially about Edinburgh and in Perthshire. *Fl. June.*

6. Alpine Lychnis. **Lychnis alpina,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2254.)

Like the *viscid L.* in habit and foliage, but smaller and not viscid. Stems seldom 6 inches high. Flowers pink, smaller than in the *viscid L.*, in compact heads, the calyx much shorter, and the petals narrow and deeply 2-cleft.

In rocky situations, at high latitudes or great elevations, in Arctic and northern Europe and Asia, and in the higher mountain-ranges of central

Europe. In Britain, only known on the summit of Little Kilrannoch, a mountain in Forfarshire. *Fl. summer.*

V. **PEARLWORT.** SAGINA.

Small, matted or tufted herbs, with subulate leaves and small flowers. Sepals 4 or 5. Petals 4 or 5, small, entire or slightly notched, sometimes entirely deficient. Stamens 4 or 5, or twice those numbers. Styles 4 or 5. Capsule opening in as many valves.

A small genus, with nearly the geographical range of *Sandwort*, from which it only differs in the number of styles. The 5-styled species were formerly included in *Spurry*, which is now reduced to one or two species easily distinguished by their apparently whorled foliage.

Sepals, stamens, and styles usually 4. Petals as many, or none . . 1. *Procumbent P.*
Sepals, petals, and styles 5. Stamens usually 10.
  Sepals obtuse.
    Petals not longer than the calyx. Leaves not clustered . . . 2. *Alpine P.*
    Petals longer than the calyx. Upper leaves with clusters of very small ones in their axils . . . . . 3. *Knotted P.*
  Sepals pointed . . . . . *Vernal Sandwort.*

1. **Procumbent Pearlwort. Sagina procumbens,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 880. *S. apetala*, Eng. Bot. t. 881, and *S. ciliata*, Brit. Fl.)

A minute annual, or perhaps perennial, 1 to 2 inches or seldom 3 inches high, sometimes erect from the base, especially at first, but usually branching and decumbent at the base, forming little spreading tufts, usually glabrous, but having often an exceedingly minute glandular down. Leaves small and subulate, joined at the base in a short, broad, scarious sheath, the radical ones longer and often tufted. Flowers very small, on capillary pedicels much longer than the leaves. Sepals about a line long, and obtuse. Petals much shorter, often wanting. Valves of the capsule as long as, or rather longer than the sepals. All these parts are usually in fours, but they may often be met with in fives.

In a great variety of situations, but especially in waste or stony places, wet or dry heaths, sandy marshes, etc., throughout Europe, in Russian and central Asia, North America, Australia, etc. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. from spring till autumn.* It varies considerably, and has been divided into many supposed species. Small, slender, but little-branched specimens, with the petals very minute or wanting, constitute the *S. apetala;* in the *S. ciliata* the branches are more diffuse. A seacoast variety, called *S. maritima* (Eng. Bot. t. 2195), presents the usual maritime differences of somewhat firmer and thicker stems and leaves.

2. **Alpine Pearlwort. Sagina Linnæi,** Presl.

(*Spergula saginoides*, Eng. Bot. t. 2105. *Sagina saxatilis* and *S. subulata*, Brit. Fl.)

Very near the *procumbent P.*, but it forms an undoubtedly perennial stock (although often flowering the first year, so as to appear annual), the radical leaves are rather longer, the petals are more conspicuous, usually considerably longer than the sepals, and there are almost always 5 sepals, 5 petals, 10 stamens, and 5 styles and valves of the capsule.

In mountain pastures, and stony places, in Arctic and northern Europe, Asia, and America, and in most mountain districts of central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, descending occasionally to the seacoast in western Europe, when it is very difficult to distinguish it from the *procumbent P.* In Britain, in the Scotch Highlands, in the west and south of England, and in Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Knotted Pearlwort. Sagina nodosa,** Fenzl.

(*Spergula*, Eng. Bot. t. 694.)

Like the last, this forms little perennial tufts, but as it often flowers the first year, it then appears annual. Stems numerous, decumbent, or nearly erect, 2 to 3 or rarely 4 inches high, and not much branched. Lower leaves like those of the *alpine P.*, or rather longer, but the stem-leaves are much shorter, with little clusters of minute ones in their axils. Flowers few on each stem, on pedicels from 3 to 6 lines long, and more conspicuous than in the other species, the white obovate petals being twice as long as the calyx. Sepals obtuse, a line long, the parts of the flower usually in fives, with 10 stamens.

In wet, sandy places, marshes, and bogs, in northern and central Europe, Russian Asia, and northern America. Generally distributed over Britain. *Fl. summer.*

VI. **CHERLERIA.** CHERLERIA.

Densely tufted, moss-like perennials, with closely packed leaves. Sepals 5. Petals none, or rarely linear and very minute. Stamens 10. Styles and valves of the capsule 3. Flowers usually wholly or partially unisexual.

A genus of one or perhaps two species, scarcely distinct from *Sandwort.*

1. **Mossy Cherleria. Cherleria sedoides,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1212. *Cyphel.*)

Stock very densely matted, often several inches diameter, with long roots, the very short branches completely covered with closely packed linear leaves, rather stiff, and 2 or 3 lines long. Pedicels slender, from the summit of the tufts, with a single erect flower. Sepals about a line long, with 3 prominent veins. Stamens shorter than the calyx. Capsule slightly protruding, opening to the base in 3 valves, and containing but few seeds.

An alpine plant, not uncommon at considerable elevations in the Pyrenees and Alps of Europe, extending eastward to Greece and Transylvania, and reappearing in the Scotch Highlands, especially in the Breadalbane range, although neither an Arctic nor a Scandinavian plant. *Fl. summer.*

VII. **SANDWORT.** ARENARIA.

Small, branched annuals, or tufted or prostrate perennials, glabrous, or rarely shortly hairy, with white flowers. Sepals 5. Petals 5, entire. Stamens 10 or rarely fewer. Styles 3, very rarely 4. Capsule opening in as many or twice as many valves.

A very numerous genus in the northern hemisphere without the tropics, with a few species also in the southern hemisphere; distinguished from *Pearlwort* by the number of styles, from *Cerast* and *Starwort* by the entire

petals. The British species are usually distributed into four sections, often considered as independent genera, viz. *Alsine*, with the valves of the capsule as many as the styles, and many seeds, including the *vernal S.*, the *bog S.*, and the *fine-leaved S.*; *Honckeneya*, with the capsular valves as many as the styles, and few large seeds, for the *ovate S.*; *Arenaria*, with the capsular valves twice as many and no appendage to the seeds, including the *fringed S.* and the *thyme-leaved S.*; and *Mœhringia*, with the capsule of *Arenaria*, but with shining seeds, having a little appendage to their hilum.

Leaves linear or subulate.
. Tufted perennials. Petals about as long as, or longer than, the sepals.
Pedicels 2 to 4 lines long . . . . . 1. *Vernal S.*
Pedicels 6 lines to an inch long or more . . . . . 2. *Bog S.*
Annual. Petals about half as long as the sepals . . . . . 3. *Fine-leaved S.*
Leaves ovate.
Leaves thick and fleshy. Capsules large, globular, 5-valved . . 4. *Ovate S.*
Leaves small or thin. Capsule 10-valved, small.
Leaves scarcely 2 lines long. Sepals with 3 nerves.
Annual, much branched, and downy. Petals shorter or scarcely longer than the calyx . . . . . 5. *Thyme-leaved S.*
Alpine, procumbent perennial. Petals much longer than the calyx . . . . . 6. *Fringed S.*
Leaves mostly half an inch, thin, and 3-nerved. Sepals 1-nerved 7. *Three-nerved S.*

1. **Vernal Sandwort.** **Arenaria verna,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 512.)

Stock perennial, short, becoming densely tufted and thickly covered with old leaves; the flowering stems erect or decumbent, 2 to 4 inches high, and branched. Leaves subulate, rather stiff, the upper ones short and broader. Flowers in rather loose forked cymes, the pedicels usually slightly downy, and seldom above 3 or 4 lines long. Sepals 1½ to near 2 lines long, pointed, with 3 very prominent nerves. Petals obovate, spreading beyond the points of the sepals. Capsule 3-valved.

In stony or mountain pastures, almost all over the continent of Europe and Russian Asia and in North America. Much less frequent in Britain, and chiefly in Scotland, northern England, Wales, Cornwall, and Ireland. *Fl. spring and summer.* A high northern and Arctic variety, extending to the higher mountains of Scotland, has been distinguished under the name of *A. rubella* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2638). It is more stunted, with shorter and rather broader leaves, few flowers, smaller and narrower petals, and sometimes 4 or even 5 styles and capsular valves.

2. **Bog Sandwort.** **Arenaria uliginosa,** Schleich.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2890.)

Perennial tufts like those of the *vernal S.*, but the subulate leaves are rather thicker, almost succulent, the stems longer, with very few distant pairs of leaves, the pedicels much longer, often an inch or even more, and always glabrous, the sepals broader. Petals about the length of the calyx. Capsule 3-valved.

In bogs or mountain marshes, in Arctic and northern Europe and Asia, and in some mountainous parts of central Europe, but never common. In Britain, only known on Widdybank Fell, in Durham. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Fine-leaved Sandwort.** **Arenaria tenuifolia,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 219.)

A very slender, erect, much branched annual, glabrous or very minutely

downy, 3 or 4 inches high. Leaves finely subulate. Pedicels very slender, usually about half an inch long. Sepals narrow-lanceolate, finely pointed. Petals obovate or oblong, usually scarcely half the length of the sepals. Capsule opening in 3 valves.

On old walls, stony wastes, or sandy fields, in central and southern Europe, from southern Sweden to the Caucasus. In Britain, apparently confined to some of the eastern counties of England. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Ovate Sandwort. Arenaria peploides,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 189; *Honckeneya*, Brit. Fl. *Sea Purslane.*)

Rootstock creeping, with short, procumbent, usually forked flower-stems. Leaves numerous, thick and somewhat fleshy, ovate or elliptical, half an inch long or more, the upper ones smaller and broader. Flowers few, on short pedicels, in small, leafy, terminal cymes, usually more or less unisexual. Sepals thickish, about $2\frac{1}{2}$ lines long. Petals scarcely longer. Capsule large, nearly globular, opening in 3 (or sometimes 4 or 5) broad valves, with fewer and larger seeds than in the other *Sandworts.*

In maritime sands, in northern and Arctic Europe, Asia, and America, extending down western Europe to Portugal. Rather common all round Britain. *Fl. summer, rather early.*

5. **Thyme-leaved Sandwort. Arenaria serpyllifolia,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 923.)

A very much branched, slender, and slightly downy annual, seldom attaining 6 inches. Leaves very small, ovate and pointed. Pedicels from the upper axils or forks of the stem, 2 or 3 lines long, and slender. Sepals pointed, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ lines long. Petals usually much shorter, but variable in size, obovate. Capsule opening in 6 narrow valves.

On walls and dry sands, or stony, waste places, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Common in Britain, but more so in the south than in the north. *Fl. summer.*

6. **Fringed Sandwort. Arenaria ciliata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1745.)

Stems perennial at the base, short, diffuse, generally much branched and matted, the flowering branches 2 or 3 inches high, and more or less downy. Leaves small and ovate, more distinctly stalked than in the *thyme-leaved S.*, veined underneath, and usually fringed with a few stiff hairs on each edge near the base. Flowers much larger than in the last species, on slender pedicels, 3 to 6 lines long, the obovate petals considerably longer than the sepals. Capsule opening in 6 valves.

In mountain pastures, in northern and Arctic Europe, and at considerable elevations, in the higher ranges of central and southern Europe. In Britain, only on limestone cliffs near Ben Bulben, in Sligo, Ireland, and on a serpentine hill in Unst, Shetland. *Fl. summer.* The Shetland specimens belong to an Arctic (maritime?) variety, with more succulent leaves, seldom fringed, and rather broader sepals, distinguished as a species under the name of *A. norvegica* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2852).

7. **Three-nerved Sandwort. Arenaria trinervis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1483.)

A tender, much branched, decumbent or spreading annual, from 4 or 5

inches to a foot long, resembling in some respects the *Chickweed Starwort*, but very different in flower. Leaves stalked, ovate, pointed, half an inch long or more, thin, of a light green, with 3 distinct nerves. Pedicels from the upper forks of the stem, rather longer than the leaves. Sepals very pointed. Petals not quite so long, obovate and entire. Capsule opening in 6 valves, the seeds few, shining, with a little white appendage at their hilum.

In shady woods, along ditches and moist places, throughout Europe and the greater part of Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Frequent in England and Ireland, less so in Scotland. *Fl. spring and summer.*

VIII. **MŒNCHIA.** MŒNCHIA.

Small, but rather stiff, erect annuals. Sepals 4. Petals 4, entire. Stamens 4 or 8. Styles 4. Capsule opening at the top, with 8 short teeth.

A genus of two or three European species, with the numbers of parts of the flower and entire petals of *Pearlwort*, the habit and calyx rather of *Starwort*, and the capsule of a *Cerast*.

1. **Upright Mœnchia. Mœnchia erecta,** Sm.

(*Sagina*, Eng. Bot. t. 609.)

A glabrous and glaucous annual, 2 to 4 or rarely 6 inches high. Leaves linear, the radical ones slightly spathulate and stalked, the upper ones few and sessile. Flowers few, white, rather large for the size of the plant, on long, erect pedicels. Sepals nearly 3 lines long, broadly lanceolate, pointed, with white scarious margins. Petals rather shorter. Capsule ovate.

In stony or sandy wastes and pastures, over the greater part of central and southern Europe, but not extending to its eastern limits, nor into the north of Germany. Spread over England as far north as Cheshire and Durham, not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. spring or early summer.*

IX. **HOLOSTEUM.** HOLOSTEUM.

Small annuals. Sepals 5. Petals 5, more or less toothed or jagged, but not cleft. Stamens usually 5. Styles 3. Capsule opening in 6 short valves or teeth.

Besides our species, there are but one or two from the Levant, all differing from *Cerast* in the less divided petals, and generally fewer stamens and styles.

1. **Umbellate Holosteum. Holosteum umbellatum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 27.)

A slightly downy, more or less viscid annual, seldom above 6 inches high, divided at the base into several erect or ascending stems. Radical leaves spreading, oblong or elliptical; those of the stem sessile, varying from ovate to linear, often half an inch long, or more. The upper part of the stem forms an almost leafless peduncle, bearing an umbel of 3 to 8 flowers, on long pedicels, erect at the time of flowering, then turned down, and erect again when the capsule is ripe. Sepals near 2 lines long, white and scarious at the edges. Petals white, rather longer.

On sandy and stony wastes, fields, and roadsides, very common in

southern Europe and western Asia, extending more sparingly over central Europe to southern Sweden. In Britain, only in Norfolk and Suffolk.

X. **CERAST.** CERASTIUM.

Annual or perennial herbs, usually downy or hairy, and branching at the base, with white flowers in terminal forked cymes, or rarely solitary; the upper bracts often, like the sepals, scarious on the edges. Sepals 5, rarely 4. Petals 5, rarely 4, usually 2-cleft, sometimes minute or wanting. Stamens 10, or occasionally reduced to 5 or fewer. Styles 5, rarely 4 or 3. Capsule opening at the top in twice as many short teeth as there are styles.

A considerable genus, widely diffused over the whole range of the family, and rather a natural one, differing generally from *Starwort* in its capsule, from the other British *Alsineæ* by the cleft petals.

Annual or biennial. Petals shorter, or scarcely longer than the calyx . 1. *Common C.*
Perennials. Petals considerably longer than the calyx.
  Styles always 5.
    Leaves narrow, pointed . . . . . 2. *Field C.*
    Leaves oblong or ovate, and obtuse . . . . . 3. *Alpine C.*
  Styles mostly 3. Leaves narrow . . . . . 4. *Starwort C.*

An eastern species, with cottony leaves, *C. tomentosum*, is not unfrequently cultivated in our cottage gardens.

1. **Common Cerast. Cerastium vulgatum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 789. *Mouse-ear Chickweed.*)

A coarsely downy, usually more or less viscid annual, branching at the base, sometimes dwarf, erect, and much branched; at others, loosely ascending to a foot or even two, occasionally forming, at the end of the season, dense, matted tufts, which may live through the winter, and give it the appearance of a perennial. Radical leaves small and stalked; stem-leaves sessile, from broadly ovate to narrow-oblong. Sepals 2 to 2½ lines long, green, and downy, but with more or less conspicuous scarious margins. Petals seldom exceeding the calyx, and often much shorter, sometimes very minute, or even none. Stamens often reduced to 5 or fewer. Capsule, when ripe, cylindrical, often curved, and projecting beyond the calyx.

In cultivated and waste places, pastures, and woods, wet or dry, over nearly the whole of the civilized world. Most abundant in Britain. *Fl. the whole season.* Its protean forms have much puzzled the botanists of many countries to distinguish them into from 2 or 3 to 20 or 30 supposed species. The most conspicuous observable in Britain are—

a. *Clustered C.* (*C. glomeratum*). Tall and luxuriant, the leaves broad, almost orbicular, the flowers in a compact head, the pedicels shorter than the calyx, the stamens usually 10. In rich soils, in moist, shady situations, but often later in the season assuming the inflorescence of the narrower-leaved varieties.

b. *Narrow-leaved C.* (*C. viscosum*, Eng. Bot. t. 790). Much branched at the base, but usually rather tall. Leaves oblong or narrow. Stamens usually 10. The commonest form in rather moist and rich meadows and pastures. Pedicels often elongated in this and the 2 following varieties.

c. *Lesser C.* (*C. semidecandrum*, Eng. Bot. t. 1630. *C. pumilum*, Bab. Man.). Stems short and often slender, more branched and more erect as

the situation is drier. Leaves rather small, thicker near the sea, more viscid in hot situations. Stamens usually about 5, but often more. Capsules usually long. Very common in dry, poor, open situations.

d. *Four-stamened C.* (*C. tetrandrum*). Like the last, but more branched, and the parts of the flower usually reduced to fours. Pedicels often long. Less common than the two last, and generally near the sea.

2. **Field Cerast. Cerastium arvense,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 93.)

Stem perennial, and much branched at the base, often very intricate and prostrate; the flowering branches ascending to about 6 inches, or more when very luxuriant. Leaves crowded in the lower parts, narrow, lanceolate-linear, more glabrous and less viscid than in the *common C.* Flowers large and white, in loose cymes, on rather long pedicels. Sepals near 3 lines long. Petals twice that length, cleft to near the middle. Capsule oblique, usually longer than the calyx.

In dry, hilly fields, pastures, and banks, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, in North America, and down the Andes of South America. In numerous localities in Britain, but not at all common. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

3. **Alpine Cerast. Cerastium alpinum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 472; and *C. latifolium,* Eng. Bot. t. 473.)

Stems shortly perennial, much branched, prostrate, and rooting at the base; the flowering branches ascending to a few inches, with one or two large flowers on long peduncles: the whole plant nearly glabrous, or more frequently covered with long woolly hairs, and occasionally viscid. Leaves ovate, elliptical, or oblong, always broader for their length than in the *field C.* Petals rather longer than in that species. Capsule not much longer than the calyx, straight or nearly so.

In alpine, moist pastures, and wet, rocky situations, in all the great mountain-ranges of Europe and Russian Asia, and all round the Arctic Circle. Pretty abundant in the Highlands of Scotland, less so in northern England, and rare in Wales; not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. summer.* The nearly glabrous form, figured Eng. Bot. t. 472, which is the *C. alpinum* of most Continental botanists, is not so common in Britain as the woolly one figured as *C. latifolium,* Eng. Bot. t. 473, which is the *C. lanatum* of some foreign botanists. The *C. latifolium* of the Alps of central Europe is not a British plant.

4. **Starwort Cerast. Cerastium trigynum,** Vill.

(*Stellaria cerastoides,* Eng. Bot. t. 911.)

Stems shortly perennial, prostrate and intricately branched, but much more slender than in the *alpine C.;* the whole plant glabrous, with the exception of minute hairs down one side of the branches, or rarely generally hairy. Leaves narrow, and usually curved to one side. Flowering branches shortly ascending, with one or two large flowers, on rather long peduncles, like those of the *alpine C.;* but the styles are almost always reduced to 3, very seldom flowers may be found with 4 or even 5, the teeth of the capsule always double the number of the styles.

In moist, alpine situations, in all the great mountain-ranges of Europe and Russian Asia to the Arctic Circle. Not unfrequent in the Breadalbane

range in Scotland, and other mountains to the northward; recorded also from near Bantry, in Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

XI. **STARWORT.** STELLARIA.

Annuals or perennials, generally more glabrous than the *Cerasts*, the leaves usually pointed, and often cordate, the sepals more pointed and less distinctly scarious at the edge. Sepals 5. Petals 5, deeply bifid. Stamens 10, occasionally reduced to 5 or fewer. Styles 3, or rarely 5. Capsule opening to the middle, or lower down in as many or twice as many valves.

A large genus, extending, like the *Cerasts*, over nearly the whole geographical range of the family, and generally a natural one, although some species, especially the *Chickweed* and *bog Starworts*, have all the appearance of the *three-nerved Sandwort*, and can only be distinguished by a close inspection of the minute petals and capsules. Most species of *Starwort* may be met with occasionally, though rarely, without any petals at all.

Lower leaves stalked, ovate or heart-shaped.
- Petals much longer than the calyx.
  - Five styles in most of the flowers . . . . . 1. *Water S.*
  - Three styles . . . . . 2. *Wood S.*
- Petals shorter, or scarcely longer than the calyx.
  - Lower leaves ovate, cordate, on long stalks . . . . . 3. *Chickweed S.*
  - All the leaves narrowed at the base, sessile or shortly stalked . . 4. *Bog S.*

All the leaves narrow-lanceolate or linear, and sessile or nearly so.
- Petals shorter, or scarcely longer than the calyx.
  - Plant annual. Leaves oblong or lanceolate, short . . . . . 4. *Bog S.*
  - Stock perennial. Leaves narrow-lanceolate or linear . . . . . 5. *Lesser S.*
- Petals considerably longer than the calyx.
  - Leaves very narrow. Sepals distinctly three-nerved . . . . . 6. *Glaucous S.*
  - Leaves lanceolate or linear-lanceolate. Nerves of the sepals scarcely perceptible . . . . . 7. *Greater S.*

1. **Water Starwort. Stellaria aquatica,** Scop.

(*Cerastium*, Eng. Bot. t. 538. *Malachium*, Brit. Fl.)

A perennial with much of the habit and the heart-shaped leaves of the *wood S.*, but on a rather larger scale, usually more pubescent, and slightly viscid, the flowers smaller, and always known by all or most of the flowers having 5 styles, and the capsule opening in 5 valves, which are entire or shortly bifid, seldom deeply cleft as in the other *Starworts*. Stems weak, often a foot or more in length. Lower leaves small, on long stalks, upper ones more sessile or stem-clasping, often 1 to 2 inches long, thin and flaccid, with a prominent midrib, and very pointed. Flowers in the forks of leafy cymes, the pedicels turned down after flowering. Sepals about 2 lines long at the time of flowering, enlarged when in fruit. Petals narrow, deeply cleft, about one-half longer than the calyx.

In wet places, along ditches and streams, etc., very widely diffused over Europe, and Russian and central Asia, except the extreme north, and migrating with man to several other parts of the world. Not common in Britain, although found in most English counties, as far north as Yorkshire and Cheshire, and believed to have been found in Ireland. *Fl. summer.* The flowers have occasionally, but seldom, only 3 styles.

2. **Wood Starwort. Stellaria nemorum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 92.)

Rootstock creeping, of some years' duration. Stems weak, emitting

creeping branches from the base, the flowering branches ascending to 6 inches or a foot, with a few short, spreading hairs. Leaves heart-shaped, pointed, of a thin texture, usually glabrous or slightly ciliated on the edges, the lower ones small, on long stalks, the upper 1 to 2 inches long, with much shorter stalks or nearly sessile. Flowers in elegant, loose, spreading cymes, on long, slender pedicels, with small bracts at their base. Sepals about 3 lines, the petals nearly twice as long, narrow, and deeply cleft. Styles 3. Capsule straight, opening to near the base into 3 bifid or 6 entire valves.

In moist woods, throughout northern Europe and the hilly districts of central, and some parts of southern Europe, and across Russian Asia to western North America. In Britain, chiefly in northern and western England and southern Scotland. Not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Chickweed Starwort. Stellaria media,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 537. *Chickweed.*)

A weak, much branched annual, glabrous, with the exception of a line of hairs down one side of the stem, and a few long ones on the leafstalks. Leaves small, ovate and pointed, the lower ones stalked and often heart-shaped, the upper sessile and narrower. Flowers small, on rather long, slender pedicels, in irregularly forked, leafy cymes. Petals shorter than the calyx, deeply cleft, with narrow, slightly diverging lobes. Stamens often reduced to 5. Styles 3.

In cultivated and waste places, roadsides, and edges of streams, throughout Europe, and Russian and central Asia, and carried out as a weed to the whole of the temperate and colder regions of the globe. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. the whole season.*

4. **Bog Starwort. Stellaria uliginosa,** Murr.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1074.)

A weak, slender, glabrous annual, in some measure intermediate between the *Chickweed S.* and the *lesser S.* Stems usually about 6 inches, rarely near a foot long, much shorter and tufted when on dry ground. Leaves much narrower than in the *Chickweed S.*, but much shorter and broader than in the *lesser S.*, oblong or lanceolate. Flowers small, in loose, slender, forked panicles, which, as in the *lesser S.*, soon become lateral. Sepals about 1½ lines long. Petals shorter, with very narrow spreading lobes. Styles 3.

In marshes and wet ditches, widely spread over Europe, Russian Asia, and northern America, but not an Arctic plant, although in southern Europe generally confined to mountains. Almost universal in Britain. *Fl. spring and summer.*

5. **Lesser Starwort. Stellaria graminea,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 803. *Lesser Stitchwort.*)

A glabrous perennial, with a creeping rootstock and slender quadrangular stems, diffuse or nearly erect, often above a foot long. Leaves sessile, linear-lanceolate and pointed. Flowers small, in long, loose panicles, which often become lateral as the flowering advances, the bracts small and scarious. Sepals 3-ribbed. Petals narrow, deeply cleft, seldom exceeding the calyx.

In meadows and pastures, along hedges, throughout Europe and Russian Asia. Very common in the low grounds of Britain, and up the mountain valleys as far as cultivation extends. *Fl. all summer.*

6. **Glaucous Starwort. Stellaria glauca,** With.

(Eng. Bot. t. 825.)

Intermediate between the *lesser* and the *great Starworts*, having the 3-ribbed sepals and deeply cleft petals of the former, whilst the flowers are nearly as large as in the latter. It differs also in some measure from both, in being generally of a more glaucous colour, and the leaves are more regularly linear, not so lanceolate nor so pointed.

In marshy and wet places, generally diffused over temperate Europe and Russian Asia, but not always well distinguished from the *lesser C.*, of which it may perhaps be a variety. Not very common in Britain, but recorded from several parts of England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

7. **Great Starwort. Stellaria Holostea,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 511. *Stitchwort.*)

A perennial, usually glabrous, with a creeping rootstock, and nearly erect though weak stems, 1 to 2 feet high, quadrangular, rather brittle, and sometimes slightly downy. Leaves sessile, lanceolate, tapering to a fine point, often 2 inches long or more. Flowers large, in loose, terminal, forked panicles, with leafy, green bracts. Sepals about 3 lines long, scarious at the edge, scarcely ribbed. Petals near twice as long, rather broad, and cleft to about the middle.

In hedges, open woods, and bushy places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

XII. **SANDSPURRY.** SPERGULARIA.

Low, generally prostrate herbs, with opposite, linear or subulate leaves, with smaller ones often clustered in their axils, and scaly, scarious stipules. Sepals 5. Petals 5, undivided. Stamens 10 or occasionally fewer. Styles 3, rarely 4 or 5. Capsule opening in as many entire valves.

A genus of very few, chiefly Mediterranean species, differing from *Sandwort* only in the stipules, which give them a strong resemblance to the *Paronychia* family.

1. **Common Sandspurry. Spergularia rubra,** Pers.

(*Arenaria*, Eng. Bot. t. 852, and *A. marina*, Eng. Bot. t. 958. *Lepigonum*, Bab. Man.)

An annual or biennial, glabrous or with a short viscid down in the upper parts, with numerous stems branching from the base, and forming spreading or prostrate tufts, 3 or 4 inches, or, when very luxuriant, 6 inches long. Leaves narrow-linear; the scarious stipules at the base short, but very conspicuous. Flowers very variable in size, usually pink, or rarely nearly white, on short pedicels, in forked cymes, usually leafy at the base. Petals shorter, or rarely rather longer than the sepals. Seeds more or less flattened, often surrounded by a narrow, scarious wing or border.

In sandy or gravelly heaths and waste places, chiefly in maritime countries, widely spread over Europe, Russian Asia, and North America. Common in Britain. *Fl. all summer.* There are two marked varieties, one chiefly occurring inland, has slender leaves, small flowers (the sepals 1 to 2 lines long), short capsules, and the seeds rarely bordered; the other generally

growing near the sea, often distinguished as a species, under the name of *S. marina*, has thicker, somewhat fleshy leaves, larger flowers (the sepals 2 to 3 lines long), larger capsules, and the seeds usually bordered, but both varieties occur with bordered and with unbordered seeds.

XIII. **SPURRY.** SPERGULA.

Slender herbs, with narrow-linear leaves in opposite clusters, so as to appear whorled, and minute, scarious stipules. Sepals 5. Petals 5, undivided. Stamens 10, or occasionally 5 or fewer. Styles 5. Capsule opening in 5 entire valves.

A very small European and Asiatic genus, differing from *Pearlwort*, as *Sandspurry* does from *Sandwort*, by the presence of scarious stipules.

1. **Corn Spurry. Spergula arvensis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1535 ; and *S. pentandra*, Eng. Bot. t. 1536.)

A slender annual, branching at the base into several erect or ascending stems, 6 inches to a foot high, glabrous or slightly downy. Leaves almost subulate, 1 to 2 inches long, growing 6 or 8 together, in two opposite clusters, and spreading, so as to appear whorled. The scarious stipules much smaller than in *Sandspurry*, and sometimes rather difficult to see. Flowers small, white, on long slender pedicels, turned down after flowering, in terminal, forked cymes. Sepals 1½ to 2 lines long. Petals generally shorter. Stamens frequently 10 or 5 in different flowers of the same plant. Seeds slightly flattened, with or without a narrow, scarious border.

In cultivated and waste places, widely spread over Europe, and Russian and central Asia ; but in the northern districts, as in many other parts of the world, only as a cornfield weed. Common in British cornfields. *Fl. all summer.*

XIV. **POLYCARP.** POLYCARPON.

Low annuals, with opposite, or apparently whorled, flat leaves, and scarious stipules. Sepals 5. Petals 5, very minute. Stamens 3 to 5. Styles 3, very short.

A genus of two or three Mediterranean species, very near to *Sandspurry*, but, in their minute petals and very short styles, showing a further approach to the *Paronychia* family.

1. **Four-leaved Polycarp. Polycarpon tetraphyllum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1031.)

A glabrous, much branched, spreading or prostrate annual, seldom more than 3 or 4 inches long. Leaves obovate or oblong, really opposite, but placed, as they usually are, under the forks, two pairs are so close together as to assume the appearance of a whorl of 4. Flowers very small and numerous, in loose, terminal cymes ; the sepals barely a line long, and rather concave. Petals much shorter, and very thin. Stamens usually 3.

In sandy situations, generally not far from the sea, in south-western Europe, and round the Mediterranean, extending along the Atlantic up to the Channel Islands and southern England. *Fl. summer.*

XII. THE ELATINE FAMILY. ELATINACEÆ.

A very small family, confined in Europe to the single genus *Elatine*, but comprising two or three others from hotter or tropical climates. They only differ from the tribe *Alsineæ*, of the *Pink* family, in their capitate stigmas, and their ovaries and capsules completely divided into 3 or more cells.

I. ELATINE. ELATINE.

Minute, glabrous, aquatic or marsh annuals, with opposite, entire leaves, minute, almost microscopieal stipules, and very small, axillary, solitary flowers. Sepals 3 to 5, sometimes united at the base. Petals as many, hypogynous, entire. Stamens as many, or twice as many. Styles 3 to 5, with eapitate stigmas. Ovary and eapsule divided into as many eells as styles, opening, when ripe, in as many valves, leaving the dissepiments adhering to the axis. Seeds several.

A small genus, spread over the northern hemisphere, in the new as well as the old world.

Flowers stalked. Petals 3. Stamens 6. Styles 3 . . . . . 1. *Six-stamened E.*
Flowers sessile. Petals 4. Stamens 8. Styles 4 . . . . . 2. *Eight-stamened E.*

1. Six-stamened Elatine. Elatine hexandra, DC.

(*E. Hydropiper*, Eng. Bot. t. 955. *Waterpepper.*)

This little plant forms small, matted, ereeping tufts, often under water; the stems seldom above 2 inehes long, and often not half an ineh. Leaves small, obovate or oblong, tapering at the base. Pedicels 1 to 2 lines long. Flowers globular, with 3 rose-coloured petals seareely longer than tho calyx. Seeds numerous, beautifully ribbed and transversely striated under the microseope.

Spread over a wide range, in Europe and Russian Asia, but its known stations always few and scattered. In Britain, recorded from several parts of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and probably frequently overlooked from its minuteness. *Fl. summer.*

2. Eight-stamened Elatine. Elatine Hydropiper, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2670.)

Included by the older authors with the last, under the name of *E. Hydropiper*, but differs in having sessile flowers, with 4 sepals, petals, and styles, and 8 stamens, a more deeply divided ealyx, and fewer and larger seeds.

Scattered over the range of the *six-stamened E.*, and sometimes mixed with it, but more rare. In Britain it has only been observed near Farnham in Surrey, and in Anglesea. *Fl. summer.*

XIII. THE TAMARISC FAMILY. TAMARISCINEÆ.

A very small European, North African, and central Asiatic family, whose limits and affinities are far from being settled.

A single species only has any claims for admission into a British Flora, and that only as an introduced plant, and no others are likely to be met with in our gardens.

I. **TAMARISC.** TAMARIX.

Maritime shrubs, with slender, twiggy branches, covered with small, green, alternate, scale-like leaves; the flowers small, in terminal spikes or racemes. Sepals 4 or 5. Petals as many. Stamens as many, or twice as many, hypogynous. Ovary free, with 3, rarely 2 or 4, styles. Capsule 1-celled, opening in as many valves as styles. Seeds several, erect, crowned each with a tuft of cottony hairs. No albumen.

1. **Common Tamarisc.** **Tamarix gallica,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1318. *T. anglica*, Brit. Fl.)

An elegant shrub of 3 to 5 or 6 feet; the slender branches erect, or slightly pendulous at the extremities; the numerous scale-like, pointed leaves scarcely above a line long; flowers pink or white, very small, crowded in spikes of from ½ to 1½ inches long, forming frequently branching terminal panicles, the petals persisting till the fruit ripens.

Very common on the sandy or marshy seacoasts of the Mediterranean, and extending up the Atlantic shores of Spain and France. Now found on several parts of the southern coast of England, and apparently established there, but believed to be only where it has been planted. *Fl. early summer.*

XIV. THE HYPERICUM FAMILY. HYPERICINEÆ.

A family confined in Britain to the single genus *Hypericum*. The tropical genera associated with it differ slightly in the number of parts, or in the arrangement of the stamens or of the seeds, and some are tall shrubs or even trees. The chief distinction of the Order from those nearest allied to it, lies in the arrangement of the stamens in 3 or 5 clusters or bundles.

I. **HYPERICUM.** HYPERICUM.

Herbs, usually perennial (in some exotic species shrubs), often marked with glandular dots; the leaves opposite and entire, and no stipules; the flowers regular, usually yellow. Sepals 5. Petals 5, hypogynous, usually obliquc. Stamens indefinite, clustered or shortly united at the base into 3 or 5 bundles. Capsule more or less completely divided into 3 or 5 cells by as many placentas projecting from the sides to the axis, and usually opening in 3 or 5 valves. Seeds numerous, small, without albumen.

An extensive genus, particularly abundant in southern Europe, western Asia, and North America, but represented also within the tropics, as well as in the southern hemisphere, both in the new and the old world. The glandular dots are of two kinds, the pellucid ones, which can be easily seen by holding up the leaves against the light, and the black ones, which are

usually on the under side of the leaves round the edge, or on the flowers themselves.

Undershrubs, with large ovate leaves, few flowers, broad, round sepals, and stamens in 5 bundles.
- Styles 5. Flowers very large . . . . . 1. *Large-flowered H.*
- Styles 3. Petals not much longer than the calyx . . . . . 2. *Tutsan H.*

Herbs with numerous flowers, small or narrow sepals, and stamens in 3 bundles or clusters.

Sepals quite entire, or with very few teeth, without black dots.

Stems erect, above a foot high, bearing a corymb of bright yellow flowers.

Stems cylindrical or slightly angled.
- Sepals pointed. Leaves with numerous pellucid dots . . 3. *Common H.*
- Sepals blunt. Leaves with few or no pellucid dots . . . 4. *Imperforate H.*

Stems distinctly four-sided.
- Sepals broad and blunt, or scarcely pointed . . . . . 4. *Imperforate H.*
- Sepals narrow and very pointed. Petals pale yellow . . 5. *Square-stalked H.*

Stems diffuse, not 6 inches long, and much branched. Flowers small, in leafy cymes . . . . . 6. *Trailing H.*

Sepals fringed with black or red glandular teeth or dots.

Whole plant perfectly glabrous.

Stems diffuse, or, if erect, growing in tufts, seldom above 6 inches high.
- Leaves oblong or ovate. Stems low and diffuse . . . . 6. *Trailing H.*
- Leaves linear . . . . . 7. *Flax-leaved H.*

Stems erect and stiff, usually a foot or more high.
- Leaves marked with numerous pellucid dots . . . . . 8. *Slender H.*
- Leaves without pellucid dots, but a few black ones round the edge . . . . . 10. *Mountain H.*

Stems or leaves hairy.
- Stem tall and erect, slightly hairy. Leaves oblong or elliptical . . . . . 9. *Hairy H.*
- Stems diffuse, very woolly. Leaves orbicular . . . . . 11. *Marsh H.*

Several half-shrubby or shrubby species, from southern Europe or the Canary or Azore Islands, are occasionally cultivated in our flower-gardens or shrubberies. A supposed British species described by Bertoloni under the name of *H. anglicum*, appears to have been founded on some mistake.

1. **Large-flowered Hypericum. Hypericum calycinum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2017.)

Rootstock extensively creeping and woody. Stems scarcely a foot high, simple or branching at the base only, with large, almost sessile, ovate or oblong leaves, very obtuse, green and glabrous, with very small pellucid dots. Flowers bright yellow, 3 or 4 inches diameter, one or two at the top of each stem, or, in our gardens, in a corymb of 5 or 6. Sepals nearly 6 lines long, orbicular, with longitudinal glandular lines. Stamens very numerous, long and slender, united at the base into 5 bundles. Styles 5.

A south-east European species, long cultivated in our gardens, and now naturalized in bushy places in several parts of England and Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Tutsan Hypericum. Hypericum Androsæmum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1225, *sepals too pointed. Tutsan.*)

Stock short, somewhat woody; the flowering stems usually numerous, erect, 1½ to 2 feet high, simple or slightly branched. Leaves sessile, ovate, obtuse, cordate at the base, 2 to 3 inches long, glabrous, with very minute pellucid dots. Flowers few, in small corymbs, shorter than the last pair of leaves. Sepals broad, 3 or 4 lines long. Petals scarcely longer. Stamens numerous, slightly connected at the very base into 5 clusters. Styles 3.

Capsule globular, slightly succulent before it is ripe, not usually opening in valves.

In shrubby places and open woods, in western and southern Europe, extending also far into central Asia. In Britain, all along the west side of Great Britain, in Ireland, and southern England, but rare on the eastern side. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Common Hypericum. Hypericum perforatum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 295. *St. John's-wort.*)

Stock perennial, with short runners or decumbent barren shoots and erect stems, 1 to 1½ feet high, branching in the upper part, cylindrical or with two slightly prominent opposite angles, and quite glabrous. Leaves sessile, oblong, seldom above 6 lines long, marked with pellucid dots, and occasionally a few black ones on the under side. Flowers bright yellow, in a handsome terminal corymb. Sepals lanceolate, pointed, quite entire, but with a few glandular lines or dots. Petals twice as long, marked, as well as the anthers, with black dots. Stamens numerous, shortly united into 3 bundles. Styles 3.

In woods, hedges and thickets, roadsides, etc., throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, and now introduced into other countries. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

4. **Imperforate Hypericum. Hypericum dubium,** Leers.
(Eng. Bot. t. 296.)

Very much like the *common H.*, but the stem is slightly quadrangular, the leaves rather larger and broader, and nearly destitute of pellucid dots, but with a few black ones along the margin on the under side; the sepals much broader, obtuse or scarcely pointed, and the petals and stamens much less dotted.

In similar situations as the *common H.*, almost over all Europe, especially in hilly districts, extending far into Scandinavia, but not an Arctic plant. Generally spread over England, southern Scotland and Ireland, but not near so frequent as the *common H. Fl. summer.*

5. **Square-stalked Hypericum. Hypericum quadrangulum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 370.)

With the general habit of the two last species, this one is readily known by the four very prominent angles of the stem, and the rather smaller and paler flowers. Leaves ovate, often an inch long, clasping the stem at the base, with numerous pellucid dots, and a few black ones round the margin on the under side. Sepals lanceolate and pointed. Petals and anthers with very few black dots, or entirely without them.

In moist pastures, by hedges and ditches, in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, extending northward to southern Sweden. Common in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland, but decreasing in frequency towards the north. *Fl. summer.*

6. **Trailing Hypericum. Hypericum humifusum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1226.)

A low, decumbent, much branched, almost trailing plant, from 2 or 3 to near 6 inches long, sometimes forming dense, spreading tufts, with a perennial rootstock, but often flowering the first year, so as to appear annual.

Leaves of the *common H.*, but smaller. Flowers few, small, of a pale yellow, in short, loose, leafy cymes. Sepals oblong, often unequal, entire or with a few glandular teeth, and generally bordered by black dots. Petals scarcely so long, with very few black dots. Stamens few.

In stony heaths, pastures and bogs, fields and waste places, in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, extending northward to southern Sweden, and carried out to some other countries with European weeds. Frequent in England and Ireland, less so in Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

7. **Flax-leaved Hypericum. Hypericum linariifolium,** Vahl.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2851.)

Intermediate in some measure between the *trailing H.* and the *common H.*; taller and more erect than the former, much smaller and more slender than the latter, seldom above 8 or 10 inches high. Leaves linear or narrow-oblong, 6 to 8 lines long, rarely marked with pellucid dots, but with a few black ones underneath. Flowers in a loose corymb, larger and brighter than in the *trailing H.*; the sepals oblong or broadly lanceolate, with numerous black dots, and a few glandular teeth on the edge. Petals twice or thrice as long as the sepals. Stamens not numerous.

On dry, hilly wastes and rocky places, in western Spain, Portugal, and France, extending to the Channel Islands and to south-western England, where it has been found at Cape Cornwall, and on the banks of the Teign, in Devonshire. *Fl. summer.*

8. **Slender Hypericum. Hypericum pulchrum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1227.)

Perennial stock shortly decumbent, the stems erect and stiff though slender, 1 to near 2 feet high, with short lateral branches, all perfectly glabrous. Leaves of the main stem broadly cordate and clasping the stem at the base, seldom above 6 lines long, those of the lateral branches smaller and much narrower, all marked with pellucid dots, but usually without black ones. Flowers rather smaller than in the *common H.*, forming an oblong or pyramidal panicle, not a flat corymb. Sepals broad and obtuse, united to near the middle, without black dots outside, but fringed at the top with black, glandular teeth.

In dry woods, on open heaths and wastes, almost all over Europe, but scarcely extending to the Asiatic frontier. Frequent in Britain. *Fl. summer.*

9. **Hairy Hypericum. Hypericum hirsutum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1156.)

A stiff, erect perennial, with an oblong or pyramidal panicle like the *slender H.*, but rather taller, and the stems always more or less downy or hairy. Leaves often above an inch long, oblong or elliptical, narrowed at the base into a very short stalk, more or less hairy underneath on the veins, and marked with numerous pellucid dots. Flowers of the *slender H.*, but of a paler yellow; the sepals narrow, fringed with rather long, glandular teeth; the petals full twice as long.

In woods and thickets, generally spread over Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Frequent in Britain. *Fl. summer.*

10. **Mountain Hypericum. Hypericum montanum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 371.)

Stock perennial, the stiff, erect stems about 2 feet high, usually simple,

with the upper leaves small and distant, the lower leaves rather large, ovate, and stem-clasping, quite glabrous, without pellucid dots, but with a row of black ones round the margin underneath. Flowers in a close, compact cyme, often reduced to a head ; the sepals lanceolate, fringed with black, glandular teeth ; the petals twice as long, narrow, and paler than in the *common H.*

In woods, in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, and northwards into southern Sweden. Not so frequent in England as the other species, and probably not extending into Scotland or Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

11. **Marsh Hypericum. Hypericum Elodes,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 09.)

Stems diffuse, often rooting at the base, and attaining 6 to 8 inches, or, when very luxuriant, a foot in length, covered with loose, woolly, whitish hairs. Leaves orbicular, stem-clasping, woolly on both sides. Flowers pale yellow, few together in a leafless cyme, at first terminal, but afterwards becoming lateral. Sepals small, ovate, copiously fringed with glandular teeth. Petals three times as long, with a small fringed appendage at their base. Stamens united to above the middle in 3 bundles.

In spongy and watery bogs, in western Europe, from Spain and Portugal to north-western Germany. Extends over the whole of the west of England, Wales, and Ireland, but rare in Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

XV. THE FLAX FAMILY. LINACEÆ.

Herbs or undershrubs, with entire leaves, no stipules, and regular flowers. Sepals 5, rarely fewer, overlapping each other in the bud, rarely partially united. Petals as many, twisted in the bud. Stamens as many, free, or the filaments very shortly united at the base, with small teeth between each (or, in exotic genera, 10 stamens). Styles 5, rarely fewer, often slightly connected at the base, with capitate stigmas. Ovary, with as many cells as styles, or incompletely divided into twice as many. Capsule separating into as many carpels as cells, without any central column ; each carpel opening inwards by longitudinal slits, and containing 2 seeds, often separated by an incomplete partition. No albumen.

A small Order, widely spread over the globe, differing from the *Geranium* family chiefly in the foliage and the absence of any persistent axis to the fruit, from the *Pink* family by the capitate stigmas and the structure of the fruit.

Parts of the flower in fives . . . . . 1. Flax.
Parts of the flower in fours . . . . . 2. Allseed.

I. FLAX. LINUM.

Sepals, petals, and stamens 5. Cells of the capsule apparently 10 but really 5, each divided into two by a nearly complete partition.

A rather numerous genus, spread over nearly the whole of the temperate

and warmer regions of the globe, but chiefly abundant in the Mediterranean region and western Asia.

Flowers small, white. Lower leaves opposite . . . . . 4. *Cathartic F.*
Flowers blue. Leaves all alternate.
Root annual. Sepals pointed.
Stem erect. Leaves lanceolate. Petals 7 or 8 lines long . . . 1. *Common F.*
Stem decumbent. Leaves short and linear. Petals not 6 lines long . . . . . 3. *Pale F.*
Rootstock perennial.
Sepals obtuse. Petals deep blue, 7 or 8 lines long . . . . . 2. *Perennial F.*
Sepals pointed. Petals pale blue, not 6 lines long . . . . . 3. *Pale F.*

The *L. flavum,* a south European perennial, with yellow flowers, and some other exotic species, are to be met with in our gardens.

1. **Common Flax. Linum usitatissimum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1357. *Flax. Linseed.*)

A tall, erect annual, perfectly glabrous, and usually branched only at the top. Leaves alternate, erect, narrow-lanceolate, pointed and entire, ½ to 1½ inches long. Flowers of a rich blue, in a loose terminal corymb. Sepals ovate or lanceolate, all pointed. Petals obovate, entire or slightly crenate, 7 or 8 lines long. Capsule globular or slightly depressed.

An extensively cultivated plant, whose origin is unknown, but it readily sows itself as a weed of cultivation in Europe, Asia, and other parts of the world, and as such may be occasionally met with in some parts of England. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Perennial Flax. Linum perenne,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 40.)

A very variable plant, sometimes resembling much the *common F.*, but it forms a perennial stock, either tufted or rootlike; the stems are usually more slender and not so erect, and sometimes quite procumbent, the leaves smaller and narrower, and the sepals, or at least the inner ones, are always obtuse.

In dry chiefly limestone pastures and waste lands, or sometimes in rich mountain pastures, varying much according to soil or situation, and widely diffused over central and southern Europe, and southern Russian Asia, but not extending into northern Germany. Occurs in some of the eastern counties of England, and possibly in southern Ireland, but the *pale F.* is often mistaken for it. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Pale Flax. Linum angustifolium,** Huds.

(Eng. Bot. t. 381.)

Usually a perennial, with the decumbent stems and narrow leaves of some varieties of the *perennial F.*, but with the pointed sepals of the *common F.* It is also occasionally annual only, but always differs from both the preceding species in its much smaller pale blue flowers, the petals seldom exceeding 5 lines in length.

In waste places, chiefly in limestone districts, very common in southern Europe, and extending up western France to southern and western England, and to Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Cathartic Flax. Linum catharticum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 382.)

A very slender, erect, or slightly decumbent glabrous annual, from 3 or 4

to 6 or 8 inches high, with small, opposite, obovate or oblong leaves, and very small flowers, of a pure white, on long, slender pedicels. Sepals all pointed. Petals obovate, scarcely 2 lines long.

In meadows and pastures, very common throughout Europe, except the extreme north, and in west central Asia. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. all summer.*

II. **ALLSEED.** RADIOLA.

A single species, separated from *Flax* on account of the parts of the flower and fruit being in fours instead of in fives, and the sepals united to near the middle in a several-toothed calyx.

1. **Common Allseed. Radiola Millegrana,** Sm.

(Eng. Bot. t. 893.)

A minute, erect annual, with very numerous, repeatedly forked branches, forming dense corymbose tufts, 1 to 2 inches high, with minute, globular flowers, on short pedicels. Leaves small, opposite. Calyx-teeth 8 or 12. Petals 4, about the length of the calyx.

On sandy heaths and waste places, in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, extending northward into southern Scandinavia. Generally spread over Britain, and very abundant in some localities, though scarce in other districts. *Fl. summer.*

XVI. THE MALLOW FAMILY. MALVACEÆ.

Herbs or soft-wooded shrubs, with alternate, stipulate, palmately-veined leaves, and regular flowers. Calyx of 5 divisions, valvate in the bud, and (in the British genera) 3 or more bracts at the base, forming an involucre or so-called outer calyx. Petals 5, twisted in the bud, and cohering, by their short claws, to the staminal tube. Stamens numerous, their filaments united in a tube round the pistil, the anthers 1-celled. Ovaries (in the British genera) several, arranged in a ring round a common axis. Styles as many as ovaries, all free, or united at the base. Fruit (in the British genera) separating into as many carpels as ovaries. Seeds one or several in each carpel, attached to the inner angle, kidney-shaped, with a curved embryo and little albumen.

A very extensive, and generally natural family, widely distributed, chiefly over the warmer climates of the globe. The three British genera, all closely allied to each other, only represent one of the two forms of ovary and fruit prevailing in the Order. In *Hibiscus*, *Abutilon*, and several other exotic genera, the carpels are all united into a single several-celled ovary and fruit.

Exterior bracts united at the base into an involucre or outer calyx.
- Involucre 3-lobed . . . . . 1. LAVATERA.
- Involucre of 5 or more divisions . . . . . 3. ALTHÆA.

Exterior bracts 3, distinct from each other, inserted on the calyx . . 2. MALLOW.

Among the plants of the *Mallow* family, grown in our gardens and belonging to exotic genera, the most frequently to be met with are species of *Malope*, *Hibiscus*, or *Abutilon*.

I. **LAVATERA.** LAVATERA.

Involucre 3-lobed, often larger than the 5-lobed calyx. Ovary and fruit of *Mallow*.

A genus of very few species, from the Mediterranean region, western Asia, southern Africa, and Australia.

1. **Sea Lavatera. Lavatera arborea,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1841.)

Stem woody at the base, with thick, hard, annual flowering branches, forming an undershrub 1 to 4 or 5 feet high. Leaves on long stalks, the lower ones broadly orbicular, palmately divided into 5 to 9 broad, short, crenate lobes, and softly downy on both sides, rarely nearly glabrous. Flowers numerous, of the size of those of the *common Mallow*, of a pale purple-red, on short pedicels, collected into clusters, forming a long terminal raceme or narrow panicle. Involucre divided to below the middle into 3 broad leaf-like lobes.

On maritime rocks, in south-western Europe, from the Gulf of Genoa, round Spain and France, to the British Isles, where it is very local, chiefly on the south and west coasts of England and Ireland, and on the Bass rock in the Frith of Forth. *Fl. summer.*

The *tree Lavatera* (*L. Olbia*), a south European species, often cultivated in our gardens, is said to have appeared along the sides of a new embankment in Epping Forest, and may occasionally sow itself in other parts of England.

II. **MALLOW.** MALVA.

Involucre of 3 small distinct bracts, inserted on the lower part of the calyx. Calyx divided to near the middle into 5 broad lobes. Styles 10 or more. Carpels as many, arranged in a ring round a thickish axis, and separating from it when ripe, each one containing a single seed.

A rather numerous genus, widely dispersed over Europe, northern and central Asia, North America, and South Africa.

Stems decumbent or prostrate. Petals not above twice as long as the calyx . . . . . 1. *Dwarf M.*

Stem erect or ascending. Petals 3 or 4 times the length of the calyx.

Leaves with short, broad lobes, not reaching to the middle. Flowers in axillary clusters . . . . . 2. *Common M.*

Leaves deeply cut into narrow lobes. Flowers crowded at the summits of the branches . . . . . 3. *Musk M.*

The tall *tree Mallow* (*M. mauritiana*), from the Mediterranean, and the *curled Mallow* (*M. crispa*), from central Asia, are often to be met with in cottage gardens. Several Cape species are also in cultivation.

1. **Dwarf Mallow. Malva rotundifolia,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1092.)

A procumbent annual, with a hard, sometimes woody-looking base, the stems 6 inches to a foot long, tough, and slightly downy. Leaves on long stalks, orbicular, cordate at the base, with 5 to 7 very short and broad ere-

nate lobes. Flowers clustered in the axils of the leaves, small, and of a pale bluish colour, on pedicels ½ to 1 inch long. Petals 4 to 5 lines long. Carpels usually about 15, downy, and rounded on the back, so as to form together a disk-shaped fruit, slightly furrowed on the margin between each two carpels.

On roadsides and in waste places, throughout Europe and western Asia, except the extreme north. Common in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland, less so further north. *Fl. spring to autumn.*

The *small-flowered M.* (*M. parviflora*, Linn., or *M. pusilla*, Eng. Bot. t. 241), from southern Europe and other warm climates, and extending northward into Scandinavia, is said to have been formerly found in Kent. It has the small flowers of the *dwarf M.*, but is chiefly distinguished by the carpels not rounded, but flat on the back, with angular edges, as in the *common M.* The *whorled M.* (*M. verticillata*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2953), from southern Europe and central Asia, with the flowers and fruit of the *small-flowered M.*, but erect stems, and the flowers in close clusters, has appeared in cornfields near Llanelly, in South Wales.

2. **Common Mallow. Malva sylvestris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 671.)

A biennial, with several erect or ascending stems, 1 to 2 or even 3 feet high, more or less clothed with spreading hairs, especially in the upper part. Leaves on long stalks, orbicular, slightly cordate at the base, with 5 or 7 lobes, broad and short, but always deeper than in the *dwarf M.*, and the middle one often longer than the others. Flowers in axillary clusters, usually of a reddish purple; the petals about 9 or 10 lines long. Carpels usually 10, flat on the back, with angular edges, so that the fruit has rather projecting ribs than furrows between the carpels.

In waste places, on roadsides, etc. Common in Europe, except at high northern latitudes, and extending all across Russian Asia. Abundant in England and Ireland, decreasing to the northward, and probably not indigenous north of the Grampians. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Musk Mallow. Malva moschata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 754.)

A perennial, with several erect, simple or slightly-branched stems, about 18 inches high, covered with long, spreading hairs. Radical leaves orbicular, with short, broad lobes, but those of the stem deeply divided into linear or wedge-shaped segments, which are again pinnatifid or 3-lobed. Flowers large, rose-coloured or rarely white, crowded at the summits of the stem and branches. Carpels rounded on the back, and very hairy.

On hedge-banks, roadsides, and in gravelly pastures, in western, central, and southern Europe, extending northwards to south Sweden, and eastward to Dalmatia. Not uncommon in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

III. **ALTHÆA.** ALTHÆA.

Involucre of more than 5 bracts, more or less united together at the base. Calyx 5-lobed. Ovary and fruit of *Mallow.*

A small genus, chiefly from the Mediterranean region and western Asia, with one or two South African species.

Tall perennial, covered with a short, velvety down . . . . . 1. *Marsh A.*
Annual, with long, spreading, stiff hairs . . . . . 2. *Hispid A.*

The *Hollyhock* of our gardens is an *Althæa* from the Mediterranean region. The *Althæa frutex* of our gardeners is improperly so called, for it is a species of *Hibiscus* (*H. syriacus*, Linn.).

1. **Marsh Althæa. Althæa officinalis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 147. *Marsh Mallow.*)

Stock perennial, the flowering stems erect, branched, 2 to 3 feet high, covered, as well as the foliage and inflorescence, with a soft, dense, velvety down. Leaves stalked, broadly ovate, undivided or 3-lobed, the lower ones often cordate at the base, the upper ones narrow. Flowers not large, of a pale rose-colour, on short pedicels in the upper axils, or the greater number forming almost leafless terminal spikes. Involucre divided into several linear segments, much shorter than the 5-lobed calyx. Carpels 15 to 20, rounded on the back.

In marshes, especially in maritime districts, in central and southern Europe, and all across Russian Asia, extending to northern Germany, but not into Scandinavia. Not uncommon in southern England and some parts of Ireland, but not extending to the north of Lincolnshire or Arran. *Fl. rather late in summer.*

2. **Hispid Althæa. Althæa hirsuta,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2674, *flowers too red.*)

An erect, stiff, but rather slender annual, seldom above a foot high, hispid with long, spreading hairs. Leaves few, the upper ones divided into 3, 5, or 7 narrow segments. Flowers of a pale purplish-blue, on long axillary peduncles. Involucre of 8 to 20 lanceolate lobes, nearly as long as the calyx, the petals about one half longer. Carpels numerous, somewhat angular on their edges.

In waste and cultivated places, common in southern Europe, up to the Palatinate of the Rhine, and occasionally carried to the northward as a weed of cultivation. Probably introduced as such into Kent, where it is said to have fully established itself near Cobham. *Fl. summer.*

XVII. **THE LIME FAMILY.** TILIACEÆ.

A rather large tropical Order, but limited in Britain to a single species. It differs from the *Mallow* family by the petals imbricated but not twisted in the bud; the stamens free, or shortly united into several bundles; the anthers 2-celled, and the carpels more completely consolidated into a several-celled ovary.

I. **LIME.** TILIA.

Trees with alternate leaves, deciduous stipules, and small cymes of flowers on an axillary peduncle, to which is attached a long, leaf-like bract. Sepals 5, valvate in the bud. Petals 5. Stamens numerous, very shortly

cohering in several clusters. Ovary globular, 5-celled, with 2 ovules in each cell, attached to the inner angle. Style single, with a 5-toothed stigma. Fruit, a small globular nut, containing 1 or 2 seeds.

A genus of very few species, widely distributed over the temperate zone of the northern hemisphere, where it is the only representative of the family.

1. **Common Lime. Tilia europæa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 610. *T. parvifolia*, Eng. Bot. t. 1705. *Lime-tree.*)

A handsome, long-lived tree, attaining sometimes as much as 120 feet in height, but generally not above half that size. Leaves stalked, broadly heart-shaped or nearly orbicular, often oblique, and always pointed, serrate on the edge, glabrous above and more or less downy underneath, especially in the angles of the principal veins. Peduncles hanging amongst the leaves, bordered or winged halfway up by the long, narrow, leaf-like bract. Flowers sweet-scented, of a pale whitish-green. Nut downy when young, but often glabrous when ripe.

In woods, over nearly the whole of Europe, except the extreme north, and extending eastward across Russian Asia to the Altai. Much planted in Britain, and probably truly wild in southern and western England, and perhaps in Ireland. *Fl. summer.* It varies much in the size of the leaves, in the degree of down on their under surface and on the fruits, in the greater or less prominence of the 5 filiform ribs of the fruit, etc. The truly indigenous form in northern Europe is always a small-leaved one. The large-leaved variety which we commonly plant (*T. grandifolia*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2720) is of south European origin, with the leaves still further enlarged by cultivation. Some North American species are also frequently planted.

XVIII. THE GERANIUM FAMILY. GERANIACEÆ.

Annual or perennial herbs, or, in exotic species, low shrubs, with opposite or rarely alternate leaves, usually more or less divided or toothed, and furnished with stipules. Flowers regular in the British genera, irregular in some exotic ones. Sepals 5, overlapping in the bud. Petals 5, twisted in the bud. Stamens 5 to 10, often united at the base. Ovary 5-lobed and 5-celled, with one or several seeds in each, all attached to the central axis. Styles 5. Fruit 5-lobed, the carpels opening or partially falling off when ripe, leaving a central, persistent axis.

The *Geranium* family resembles the *Pink* and *Mallow* families in the twisted arrangement of their petals, but differs from the former in foliage as well as in fruit, and from the latter in the definite stamens. The species are distributed nearly all over the globe, but most numerous in the temperate regions of the northern hemisphere, and more especially in south-western Africa. The limits of the Order are as yet very unsettled, some botanists including *Flaxes*, *Balsams*, and many other exotic genera, whilst others

exclude *Oxalis* and *Tropæolum*, confining it to the old Linnæan genus *Geranium*.

Leaves opposite, cut or toothed. Carpels 1-seeded, round the base of a long-beaked receptacle or axis.
Ten stamens . . . . . 1. GERANIUM.
Five stamens . . . . . 2. ERODIUM.
Leaves radical, with three entire leaflets. Receptacle or axis not beaked. Carpels with several seeds . . . . . 3. OXALIS.

The Cape *Pelargoniums*, so frequent in our greenhouses, belong to the *Geranium* family. The South American *Tropæolums*, including the common *Nasturtium* of our gardeners, are very nearly allied to *Pelargonium*, although some botanists now propose to remove them far away from the family.

I. GERANIUM. GERANIUM.

Herbs, with forked stems often swollen at the nodes, opposite, palmately divided leaves, and purplish flowers, solitary or two together, on axillary peduncles. Stamens 10, of which 5 shorter, but generally with anthers. Ovary 5-lobed, terminating in a long beak with 5 short stigmas on the top, the lobes being all whorled round the long-beaked receptacle. Capsule separating into 5 two-seeded carpels, which curl upwards, with a long elastic awn, detached from the beak, and glabrous inside.

A genus spread over the northern hemisphere, with a few species in the southern, but always without the tropics. It is easily distinguished from all but *Erodium* by the long beak of the fruit, which has given to the two genera *Geranium* and *Erodium* the popular name of *Crane's-bill*.

Rootstock perennial. Flowers usually large.
Peduncles 1-flowered . . . . . 1. *Blood G.*
Peduncles with 2 (rarely 3) flowers.
Petals deeply notched. (Flowers not so large.) . . . . . 5. *Mountain G.*
Petals entire or slightly notched.
Petals dark purple, very spreading or almost reflexed. Points of the sepals very short . . . . . 2. *Dusky G.*
Petals bluish-purple. Sepals with long fine points.
Pedicels of the fruit erect. Flowers numerous, corymbose 3. *Wood G.*
Pedicels of the fruit spreading or reflexed. Flowers in a loose panicle . . . . . 4. *Meadow G.*
Annuals, with small flowers.
Leaves of 3 distinct segments, which are pinnately cut or divided 6. *Herb-Robert G.*
Leaves palmately cut or divided into 5 or more lobes or segments.
Calyx pyramidal, with projecting angles. Petals entire, much longer than the sepals . . . . . 7. *Shining G.*
Calyx scarcely angular. Petals about as long, unless deeply notched.
Leaves divided to the base into 5 or more narrow cut segments.
Peduncles much shorter than the leafstalks.
Leaves much divided. Seeds dotted . . . . . 11. *Cut-leaved G.*
Leaves small, the lower ones divided to the middle only. Seeds smooth . . . . . 9. *Small-flowered G.*
Peduncles and pedicels long and slender. Leaves much divided . . . . . 12. *Long-stalked G.*
Leaves orbicular, seldom divided below the middle.
Petals deeply notched.
Petals twice as long as the calyx . . . . . 5. *Mountain G.*
Petals not longer than the calyx . . . . . 8. *Dove's-foot G.*
Petals entire or slightly notched.
Leaves shortly divided into broad lobes. Seeds dotted . 10. *Round-leaved G.*
Leaves divided to the middle. Seeds smooth . . . . 9. *Small-flowered G.*

Two other Continental perennial species are included in some of our Floras as having occasionally strayed from gardens; the *striate G.* (*G. striatum*), with long hairs on the stems, and rather large flowers, the petals very pale, elegantly veined, and rather deeply notched; and the *knotty G.* (*G. nodosum*, Eng. Bot. t. 1091), a glabrous plant, the lobes of the leaves very pointed, and the petals of a purplish red, much less notched. *G. macrorhizon* and several other exotic perennials are also cultivated in our flower-gardens.

1. **Blood Geranium. Geranium sanguineum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 272.)

Rootstock thick and woody, sometimes creeping. Stems numerous, about a foot long, decumbent or rarely erect, with spreading hairs. Leaves nearly orbicular, but divided to the base in 5 or 7 segments, which are again cut into 3 or 5 narrow lobes. Flowers large, of a dark purple, growing singly on long, slender peduncles. Sepals hairy, with a fine point. Petals twice as long, obovate, slightly notched, and very spreading.

In dry woods and pastures, in temperate and southern Europe to the Caucasus, penetrating far into Scandinavia. In Britain, it occurs in many localities and yet is not very general. *Fl. summer.* A variety with more flesh-coloured flowers, and of shorter growth, originally found in the Isle of Walney, Lancashire, has been published as a species, under the name of *G. lancastriense.*

2. **Dusky Geranium. Geranium phœum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 322.)

Rootstock and general mode of growth of the *wood G.*, but the stems are weaker, with fewer flowers, the leaves less deeply cut, with broader lobes, and the petals, of a dark, dingy purple colour, are broadly obovate, quite entire, and spread very open from the base, or are almost reflexed.

In woods and meadows, in hilly districts, in central and western Europe, not extending to its eastern limits, and in northern Europe only as an introduced plant. In Britain, also believed to be an introduced plant, although said to be apparently wild in some parts of Westmorelaud and Yorkshire. *Fl. all summer.*

3. **Wood Geranium. Geranium sylvaticum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 121.)

Rootstock very short, covered with the brown scarious stipules of the old leaves. Stems erect or ascending, 1 to 2 feet high or rather more. Radical leaves on long stalks, palmately divided almost to the base with 5 or 7 pointed lobes more or less cut and serrated. Stem-leaves few, on much shorter stalks. The upper part of the stem is repeatedly forked, forming a rather dense, corymbose panicle of handsome purplish flowers. Peduncles short, each with two flowers, on short pedicels, which remain erect when the fruit ripens. Sepals ending in a fine point above a line long. Petals obovate, slightly notched, scarcely twice as long as the calyx. Filaments of the stamens hairy, scarcely flattened.

In moist woods and thickets, and mountain meadows, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, extending to the Arctic regions. In Britain, chiefly in western, central, and northern England, Scotland, and northern Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Meadow Geranium. Geranium pratense,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 404.)

Distinguished from the *wood G.* chiefly by its more cut leaves, and larger bluish-purple flowers loosely panicled on longer peduncles; the pedicels always more or less spreading or reflexed after flowering. The filaments are also much flattened in their lower part, and the claws of the petals ciliated on the edge, not bearded inside.

In meadows, woods, and thickets, roadsides, etc., widely spread over Europe and Russian Asia, but not an Arctic species, although, like the last, chiefly a mountain plant in southern Europe. In Britain, rather less frequent than the *wood G.*, not extending so far north in Scotland, but more widely spread in southern England; not recorded in the Irish Flora. *Fl. summer.*

5. **Mountain Geranium. Geranium pyrenaicum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 405.)

A perennial, like the four last species, but with smaller flowers, and much of the habit of the annual ones. Stems often 2 feet long or more, and branched, more or less covered with short, soft hairs. Leaves orbicular, deeply cut into 5 or 7 coarsely toothed, usually obtuse, lobes. Flowers numerous, on slender pedicels, two together on each peduncle. Sepals scarcely 2 lines long. Petals about twice their length, pale purple and veined, deeply notched.

A native of the hilly districts of central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, but frequently naturalized on roadsides and waste places further to the north. In Britain it appears to be fully established in several parts of England, southern Scotland, and Ireland. *Fl. spring and summer.*

6. **Herb-Robert Geranium. Geranium Robertianum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1486. *Herb-Robert.*)

An erect or spreading, much branched annual, 6 inches to near a foot high, generally bearing a few soft hairs, often turning bright red in all its parts, and smelling disagreeably when rubbed. Leaves divided into 3 pinnate or twice pinnate segments, never orbicular or palmate (except the 3 primary divisions). Flowers rather small. Sepals hairy, with long points. Petals reddish-purple or rarely white, sometimes nearly twice the length of the calyx, obovate and entire, with glabrous, erect claws. Carpels glabrous, with a few transverse wrinkles.

In stony and waste places, open woods, etc., very common throughout Europe, Russian and central Asia, and northern America, short of the Arctic Circle. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. the whole season.* A maritime variety, with thicker leaves and smaller flowers, has been described under the name of *G. purpureum* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2648).

7. **Shining Geranium. Geranium lucidum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 75, *the leaves not correct.*)

An annual, often turning red like the *Herb-Robert G.*, but always glabrous and shining, and the leaves are orbicular and palmately lobed, with broad segments usually obtuse, or rarely slightly pointed. It is easily distinguished also from all our *Geraniums* by the pyramidal calyx, the edges of the erect sepals forming very projecting angles. Petals like those of the *Herb-Robert G.*, but smaller.

In stony and waste places, on old walls, etc., in temperate and southern Europe and central Asia, extending northwards into Scandinavia. Generally distributed over Britain, excepting northern Scotland. *Fl. spring and summer.*

8. **Dove's-foot Geranium. Geranium molle,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 778.)

An annual, often tufted at the base, more or less covered with rather long, soft, spreading hairs; the stems weak and spreading, very short when first flowering, and seldom attaining a foot. Radical leaves numerous, on very long stalks, orbicular, rather above an inch diameter, divided to below the middle into 7 to 11 obovate or wedge-shaped lobes, which are again 3- or 5-lobed; the upper leaves few, small, with fewer but deeper and narrower divisions. Peduncles shorter than the leaves, each with 2 small purplish flowers; the sepals obtuse or scarcely pointed; the petals deeply notched, scarcely longer than the calyx. Carpels distinctly marked with transverse wrinkles. Seeds quite smooth, without dots.

In waste and cultivated places, throughout Europe, except perhaps the extreme north, and spread over many other countries as a weed of cultivation. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. the whole season.*

9. **Small-flowered Geranium. Geranium pusillum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 385.)

Very near the *dove's-foot G.*, but less hairy, and the leaves usually smaller and more deeply divided. Sepals with a short but distinct point. Petals but slightly notched. Carpels not wrinkled, but hairy as in the *round-leaved G.*, whilst the seeds are as smooth as in the *dove's-foot G.* Five of the stamens have usually, and perhaps constantly, no anthers, as in *Erodium.* The upper leaves are sometimes divided to the base; the species is then distinguished from the *cut-leaved G.* by the smaller leaves and smooth seeds.

In waste and cultivated places, throughout Europe, except the extreme north, but not generally so common as the *dove's-foot G.* In Britain certainly not so abundant as that species, but perhaps sometimes mistaken for it, and thus overlooked. *Fl. all summer.*

10. **Round-leaved Geranium. Geranium rotundifolium,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 157.)

Usually rather a stouter plant than the *dove's-foot G.*, but with the same orbicular leaves and soft hairs; the lobes of the leaves rather broader, more obtuse, and not so deep; the peduncles shorter; the flowers still smaller, with entire obovate petals, scarcely exceeding the slightly pointed sepals. Carpels hairy, without wrinkles, and the seeds dotted, as in the two following species.

In waste and cultivated places, recorded as common in Europe and Russian Asia, and certainly so in the south, but much less frequent in the north, the *dove's-foot G.* being, probably, frequently mistaken for it. In Britain rather scarce, chiefly occurring in southern and central England, and some parts of Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

11. **Cut-leaved Geranium. Geranium dissectum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 753.)

An annual, like the three last, but often more erect, and usually more

branched, and the leaves much more deeply divided into 5, 7 or 9 narrow segments, which are again deeply trifid or lobed. Peduncles very short, bearing two small purple flowers; the sepals rather larger than in the three last species, with distinct subulate points; the petals about their length, slightly notched. Carpels hairy, without wrinkles. Seeds beautifully and minutely reticulated or dotted. The hairiness of the plant is variable; usually the stems are clothed with long, reflexed hairs, the leaves with a short, soft down.

In dry pastures, waste and cultivated places, common in Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. spring and summer.*

12. **Long-stalked Geranium. Geranium columbinum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 259.)

An annual, with slender, decumbent, slightly hairy stems; the leaves deeply divided as in the *cut-leaved G.*, but the segments still narrower, mostly linear; the peduncles and pedicels long and slender; the calyx considerably longer, with long, slender points. Petals entire or notched, seldom exceeding the calyx. Carpels but slightly hairy, or quite glabrous, not wrinkled. Seeds dotted as in the *cut-leaved G.*

In dry pastures, on banks and waste places, widely spread over Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Not so common as the *cut-leaved G.* in Britain, and very local in Scotland. *Fl. spring and summer.*

II. **ERODIUM.** ERODIUM.

Prostrate or decumbent herbs, differing from *Geranium* in the divisions or nerves of the leaves being pinnate, not palmate; in the stamens always reduced to 5, the 5 alternate ones being rudimentary only; in the awns of the carpels bearded with a few long hairs on the inside, and spirally twisted after they are detached from the axis. The flowers are also frequently more than two together, in an umbel on the summit of the peduncle.

The geographical range is nearly that of *Geranium*, in which genus it was included by Linnæus. But the greater number of the species are maritime plants from the Mediterranean regions, or roadside weeds, with flowers so insignificant, that but few have ever been cultivated.

Leaves pinnate, with distinct segments.
  Segments deeply pinnatifid, with toothed lobes. Flowers of a reddish purple . . . . . 1. *Common E.*
  Segments ovate, coarsely toothed or shortly lobed. Flowers of a bluish purple . . . . . 2. *Musk E.*
Leaves toothed or lobed, but not divided into distinct segments.
  Leaves ovate . . . . . 3. *Sea E.*
  Leaves palmately lobed . . . . . *Small-flowered Geranium.*

1. **Common Erodium. Erodium cicutarium,** L'Hér.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1768.)

Usually an annual, but often forming a dense tuft, with a thick taproot, and in some situations lasting at least a second year, always more or less covered with spreading hairs, which are sometimes viscid. Stems sometimes exceedingly short, sometimes lengthening out to 6 inches or near a foot. Leaves mostly radical, pinnate, on long stalks, the segments distinct and deeply pinnatifid, with narrow, more or less cut lobes. Peduncles erect, bearing an umbel of from 2 or 3 to 10 or 12 small purple or pink flowers.

Sepals pointed, about the length of the obovate, entire petals. Carpels slightly hairy, the beak varying from 6 to 18 lines in length.

In waste and cultivated lands and dry pastures, especially near the sea, and on roadsides; very common in Europe, Russian and central Asia, and northern America, short of the Arctic Circle. Generally distributed over Britain. *Fl. spring and summer.* A maritime, more viscid, and hairy variety, known in southern Europe as *E. hirtum*, is also found on our own coasts.

2. **Musk Erodium. Erodium moschatum,** L'Hér.

(Eng. Bot. t. 902.)

A much larger and coarser plant than the *common E.*, often emitting a strong smell of musk. Stems often a foot long. Leaves on long footstalks, with from 9 to 11 distinct, ovate segments or leaflets, often cordate at the base, and deeply toothed or shortly pinnatifid. Flowers generally numerous in the umbel, of a bluish purple, rather larger than in the *common E.*, although the petals are scarcely longer than the calyx. Peduncles often 6 or 8 inches long.

In sandy, waste places and heaths, especially near the sea, in western and southern Europe. Abundant in the Channel Islands, in some parts of the south of Ireland, and occurring occasionally on the southern and western coasts of England. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Sea Erodium. Erodium maritimum,** L'Hér.

(Eng. Bot. t. 646.)

A small, softly hairy, often viscid annual, with the same varying habit as the *common E.*, but easily distinguished by the simple, not pinnate leaves, often not above half an inch long, ovate-cordate, more or less toothed or even lobed, but seldom beyond halfway to the midrib. Peduncles seldom longer than the leaves, with 1, 2, or rarely more, small, reddish-purple flowers. Beak of the fruit seldom above 6 lines long; the hairs of the inside of the awn very few, or perhaps sometimes entirely wanting.

In maritime sands, in western Europe, and on the Mediterranean, where it varies much more than with us, and should probably include several species of modern botanists. Not uncommon on the south and west coasts of England, up to the south of Scotland, less frequent in Ireland. Has been found also in some inland situations in England. *Fl. all summer.*

III. **OXALIS.** OXALIS.

Herbs, either annual, or with a tuberous or creeping, perennial rootstock, and, in European species, palmately trifoliolate, long-stalked leaves. Flowers solitary, or several in an umbel, on radical or axillary peduncles. Sepals 5. Petals 5. Stamens 10. Ovary angular, not beaked, 5-celled, with several ovules in each cell. Styles 5, short, scarcely united at the base. Capsule with 5 angles, opening in as many valves.

A very numerous genus, widely diffused over the temperate and hotter regions of the globe. A few tropical species have entire or pinnate leaves, and are occasionally undershrubs; but the great mass of the genus, like the few European species, are remarkable for their leaves, with 3 obovate leaflets like those of a *Clover*.

Flowers white. Peduncles radical, 1-flowered . . . . . 1. *Sorrel O.*
Flowers small, yellow. Stem elongated. Peduncles axillary . . . 2. *Procumbent O.*

Many exotic species, with yellow or reddish flowers, have at various times been cultivated, either in our flower-gardens, or, for their tuberous rootstocks, as esculents.

1. **Sorrel Oxalis. Oxalis Acetosella,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 762. *Wood-sorrel.*)

Rootstock shortly creeping, slender, but often knotted with thickened scales. Leaves radical, with long stalks, and 3 obovate, delicately green leaflets, with a slightly acid flavour. Peduncles radical, long and slender, bearing a single, rather large white flower, and 2 small bracts, about half-way up. Sepals small, ovate, obtuse, thin. Petals obovate, about 6 lines long. Capsule ovoid, with 2 shining black seeds in each cell.

In woods, throughout Europe, Russian and central Asia, and northern America. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. early spring.* This is the original of the Irish *Shamrock*, although that emblem is now represented by the *white Clover*.

2. **Procumbent Oxalis. Oxalis corniculata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1726.)

A more or less downy annual, or, in warmer climates, a perennial, with slender, spreading branches, seldom above 6 inches long. Leaves of 3 deeply obcordate leaflets, with small stipules at the base of the leafstalks. Peduncles slender, axillary, bearing an umbel of from 2 to 4, or rarely 5, pale yellow flowers, much smaller than in the *Sorrel O.*

Believed to be of American origin, but now a common weed in all the hotter, and most of the temperate regions of the globe. In Britain, only in a few localities in southern England, except where accidentally introduced into gardens. *Fl. the whole season.* A closely allied American species, the *O. stricta*, with a more erect stem and no perceptible stipules, has also occasionally appeared among garden weeds.

The *Rue* of our gardens (*Ruta graveolens*), and the *Fraxinella* of flower-gardens (*Dictamnus Fraxinella*), both from southern Europe, belong to the very large *Rue* family, chiefly numerous within the tropics, and in the southern hemisphere, but unrepresented in Britain. The *Diosmas, Correas*, and many other South African and Australian plants in our plant-houses, are members of the same family.

XIX. THE BALSAM FAMILY. BALSAMINEÆ.

A single genus, whose precise affinities are as yet very imperfectly understood, and which has therefore been established as an independent family.

I. **BALSAM.** IMPATIENS.

Herbs, mostly glabrous or almost succulent, with alternate, undivided leaves, no stipules, and very irregular flowers. Sepals and petals all coloured, and consisting usually of 6 pieces, viz.: 2 outer, opposite (sepals), flat and oblique; the next (upper sepal, although by the twisting of the pedicel it hangs lowest), large, hood-shaped, ending below in a conical spur;

the fourth (lower petal, but uppermost from the twisting of the pedicel), much smaller, but yet very broad, and somewhat concave; the 2 innermost (petals) very oblique and irregularly shaped, more or less divided into two unequal lobes. Stamens 5, with very short, thick filaments, the anthers cohering in a mass round the pistil. Ovary 5-celled, with several ovules in each cell. Stigmas 5, minute, sessile or nearly so. Capsule bursting elastically in 5 valves, which roll inwards, scattering the seeds.

A numerous genus, chiefly East Indian, with a few North American species.

Flowers yellow. Spur of the calyx loosely bent back, and entire . . . 1. *Yellow B.*
Flowers orange-brown. Spurs closely bent back upon the calyx, and notched at the extremity . . . . . 2. *Orange B.*

Several East Indian species are cultivated for their flowers, and amongst them the well-known *garden Balsam* (*I. Balsamina*), whose flowers become double with great readiness.

1. **Yellow Balsam. Impatiens Noli-me-tangere,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 937. *Touch-me-not.*)

An erect, glabrous, branching annual, 1 to 2 feet high; the stem rather succulent, and swollen at the nodes. Leaves stalked, ovate, pointed, toothed, of a pale green, and very flaccid. Peduncles axillary, slender, bearing one or two perfect flowers, which are large and showy, yellow, spotted with orange; the hooded sepal ending in a long spur, curved upwards, and bent back upon the flower. These flowers seldom set their seed in this country; the pods are chiefly produced by minute, imperfect flowers, of which there are several on the same peduncles as the perfect ones.

In moist woods and shady places, in the hilly districts of Europe and Russian Asia, extending northwards into Scandinavia. In Britain, chiefly in northern England and North Wales, extending neither into Scotland nor Ireland. *Fl. summer, till rather late.*

2. **Orange Balsam. Impatiens fulva,** Nutt.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2794.)

An annual, closely resembling the *yellow B.*, except that the flowers are of a deeper orange-colour, spotted with reddish-brown, and the spur is very closely bent back upon the calyx, and slightly notched at the extremity.

A North American plant, which appears to have fully established itself along the Wey, and some other streams in Surrey. *Fl. summer.*

XX. THE MILKWORT FAMILY. POLYGALACEÆ.

A family represented in Europe only by *Milkwort* itself. The other genera associated with it are chiefly tropical or natives of the southern hemisphere, differing from *Milkwort* in the form and consistence of their fruit, or in minor details in the structure of their flowers.

I. MILKWORT. POLYGALA.

Herbs or shrubs, with entire leaves, usually alternate, no stipules, and very irregular flowers in terminal racemes. Sepals 5, of which the two inner are larger, usually petal-like, and commonly called *wings*. Petals 3, 4, or 5,

the lowest very small and subulate, and all more or less united with the stamens. Stamens united in two parcels, each with 4 anthers opening by pores at the summit. Style 1, with a single stigma. Ovary and capsule flat, 2-celled, with a single pendulous seed in each cell.

A very numerous genus, widely diffused over most parts of the globe. Several of the showy south African species are often cultivated in our greenhouses.

1. **Common Milkwort. Polygala vulgaris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 76, and Suppl. t. 2827, and *P. amara*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2764. *Milkwort.*)

A glabrous or nearly glabrous perennial, with a short-tufted or almost woody stock, and numerous diffuse or ascending branches, from an inch or two to near a foot long. It will also occasionally flower the first year, so as to appear annual. Leaves crowded at the base, the lowest obovate or even orbicular, especially in young plants, the upper ones oblong-lanceolate, or even linear, 2 or 3 lines to near an inch long. Flowers usually bright blue or pink, hanging on short pedicels in elegant terminal racemes, with a small bract at the base of each pedicel. Three outer sepals small, linear, and greenish, the 2 *wings* twice as large, obovate or oblong, coloured and elegantly veined; after flowering they lie flat on the capsule, but become greener. Petals much smaller, the 2 lateral oblong-linear, the lowest keel-shaped, and tipped with a little crest. Style dilated at the top. Capsule green, orbicular, surrounded by a narrow wing, notched at the top. Seeds oblong, downy.

In meadows and pastures, on banks, under hedges, etc., throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. all summer.* It varies much in the relative size of the lower and upper leaves, in the size and colour of the flowers, in the veins and the breadth of the wings, etc., and many forms which have appeared constant in particular localities, have at various times been characterized as species.*

XXI. THE MAPLE TRIBE. ACERACEÆ.

(A Tribe of the *Sapindus* family or *Sapindaceæ*.)

The *Maple* tribe corresponds to the Linnean genus *Acer*, which modern botanists have broken up into two or three, by the separation of a few North American or East Indian species. The whole group consists, however, but of very few species, ranging over the temperate zone of the northern hemisphere.

The true *Sapindaceæ* are mostly tropical trees or lofty climbers, and are seldom to be met with even in our hothouses; but the *Horsechestnuts* (*Æsculus*, Linn.), so much planted in our parks and grounds, form another distinct tribe of the same family, or, according to some botanists, the small adjoining family of *Hippocastaneæ*, which, like the *Maple* tribe, contains a small number of trees or shrubs from the northern hemisphere. The *Bladder-nut* of our shrubberies (*Staphylea pinnata*, Eng. Bot. t. 1560), from central

* See Babington's Manual, 4th edit. pp. 40 and 41, for three of these proposed species considered as British.

and eastern Europe, is the type of a third tribe of *Sapindaceæ*, in which, as in the *Maples* and *Horsechestnuts*, the leaves are always opposite, whilst in the true *Sapindaceæ* they are generally alternate.

I. **MAPLE.** ACER.

Trees, with opposite, palmately-veined and lobed leaves, no stipules, and small, greenish flowers, in axillary corymbs or racemes. Sepals usually 5, overlapping each other in the bud, and more or less united at the base. Petals 5, or sometimes 4, or entirely wanting. Stamens about 8, inserted on a thick disk below the ovary. Ovary 2-lobed or rarely 3-lobed, each lobe enclosing one cell with 2 ovules suspended from the inner angle. Styles 2, rarely 3, often united at the base. Fruit separating when ripe into 2, rarely 3, indehiscent carpels or nuts, produced into a wing at the top, and called *keys* or *samaras*. Seeds 1 or 2 in each carpel, without albumen.

A genus not numerous in species, but extending over Europe, Russian and central Asia, and North America. It differs from all British trees, except the *Ash*, by its opposite leaves, and from that genus by the flowers, and by the palmate not pinnate leaves.

Flowers on short, loose, erect corymbs. Wings of the carpels diverging horizontally . . . . . 1. *Common M.*
Flowers in pendulous racemes. Wings of the carpels erect, parallel or slightly diverging . . . . . 2. *Sycamore M.*

The *A. platanoides* and *A. monspessulanum* from eastern or southern Europe, the *sugar Maple* (*A. saccharatum*), from North America, and some other exotic true Maples, besides the *ash-leaved Maple*, forming the genus *Negundo*, from North America, may be met with in our parks and plantations.

1. **Common Maple. Acer campestre,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 304.)

When full-grown, a rather handsome, round-headed, though not very tall tree, with a dense, dark green foliage, but, as it is of slow growth and flowers when young, it is often seen as a small scraggy tree, or mere bush, in our hedges. Leaves on slender stalks, 2 to 3 inches broad, divided to about the middle into 5 broad, usually obtuse lobes, entire or sinuate, glabrous above, often downy underneath. Flowers few, on slender pedicels, in loose, erect corymbs, shorter than the leaves. Carpels downy or rarely glabrous, the wings spreading horizontally, so as to form together one straight line.

In European woods, extending eastward to the Caucasus, and northward to southern Sweden. In Britain, abundant in southern England, and apparently truly indigenous as far north as Cheshire and the Tyne. Scarcely indigenous in Ireland. *Fl. spring.*

2. **Sycamore Maple. Acer Pseudo-platanus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 303. *Sycamore.*)

A much handsomer and freer-growing tree than the *common M.*, the leaves larger, with more pointed and toothed lobes, not unlike those of a *Plane-tree*. Flowers in loose, oblong, hanging racemes. Wings of the carpels nearly parallel, or diverging so as to form a right angle, not spreading into one straight line.

A native of the mountains of central Europe and western Asia, extensively planted in Britain, and in many places sows itself so readily that it may almost be considered as naturalized. *Fl. spring.*

XXII. THE CELASTRUS FAMILY. CELASTRACEÆ.

A rather numerous family, in warm climates of both the new and the old world, and in the southern hemisphere, but confined in Britain to the single genus *Spindle-tree*. The exotic genera associated with it differ chiefly in the shape of the parts of the flowers, or in the various forms the fruit assumes as it ripens.

I. SPINDLE-TREE. EVONYMUS.

Shrubs, with opposite, undivided leaves, and small, green or purplish, regular flowers, in loose, axillary cymes. Calyx small and flat, with 4 or 5 broad, short lobes, overlapping each other in the bud. Petals as many, also overlapping each other. Stamens as many, alternating with the petals, and united with them on a slightly thickened disk, which covers the base of the calyx. Ovary immersed in the disk, with a very short, protruding style. Capsule with 4 (rarely 3 or 5) angles or lobes, enclosing as many cells, and opening, when ripe, in as many valves along the middle of each cell. Seeds solitary in each cell, enclosed in a coloured, fleshy arillus. Embryo in a fleshy albumen.

A genus widely diffused over Europe, Asia, and North America, and easily recognized by its fruit.

1. Common Spindle-tree. Evonymus europæus, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 362. *Spindle-tree.*)

A glabrous shrub, about 3 to 5 feet high. Leaves shortly stalked, ovate-oblong or lanceolate, pointed, and minutely toothed. Peduncles shorter than the leaves, with seldom more than 3 or 5 flowers, of a yellowish-green colour. Petals 4, obovate, about 2 lines long, the stamens half that length. Pod red when ripe, opening at the angles so as to show the seeds enclosed in a brilliant orange-coloured arillus.

In hedges and thickets, in temperate and southern Europe, and western Asia, extending into southern Scandinavia. Frequent in many parts of England and Ireland, but does not reach far into Scotland. *Fl. spring or early summer.*

The *E. latifolius,* from the continent of Europe, the *E. atropurpureus,* from North America, and some other exotic species, are occasionally planted in our shrubberies.

XXIII. THE BUCKTHORN FAMILY. RHAMNACEÆ.

An extensive family, widely dispersed over the globe, but confined in Britain to the single genus *Buckthorn*. The exotic genera all agree with that one, and differ from the adjoining families in the position of the stamens, alternating with the sepals, the petals either small and opposite to (or underneath) the stamens, or wanting.

The *Ceanothuses* of our gardens belong to this family. The *Grape Vine*, the *Virginian creeper* and other species of *Vitis* and *Cistus* have the same relative position of the stamens and sepals; but the stamens being more decidedly hypogynous, and the habit different, they form the independent *Vine* family.

I. **BUCKTHORN.** RHAMNUS.

Shrubs, with alternate undivided leaves, and small green flowers on short pedicels, usually clustered in the axils of the leaves. Calyx with 4 or 5 short, deciduous teeth or sepals. Petals none or very small. Stamens 4 or 5, alternating with the teeth of the calyx and opposite the petals, inserted on a disk which lines the base of the calyx. Ovary free, 3- or 4-celled, with one erect ovule in each cell. Style very short. Fruit a small berry (or drupe) enclosing 3 or 4 small one-seeded nuts. Embryo in a fleshy albumen.

A considerable genus widely spread over the northern hemisphere, both in the new and the old world, penetrating into the tropics, with a few southern species.

Leaves minutely toothed. Branches often thorny. Flowers dicœious; stamens 4 . . . . . 1. *Common B.*
Leaves entire. No thorns. Flowers hermaphrodite; stamens 5 . . . 2. *Alder B.*

The evergreen *Alaternus* of our shrubberies, is a species of *Buckthorn* (*R. Alaternus*) from southern Europe.

1. **Common Buckthorn. Rhamnus catharticus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1629.)

A glabrous shrub with spreading branches, the smaller ones often ending in a stout thorn. Leaves stalked, ovate, acuminate or pointed, rarely obtuse, 1½ to 2 inches long, bordered by very small regular teeth, marked with a few prominent veins, obliquely diverging from the midrib, and mostly proceeding from below the middle. Flowers dicœious, very small, usually thickly clustered in the axils of the leaves. Petals 4, very narrow, and not longer than the teeth of the calyx. Fruit black, about the size of a pea.

In hedges and bushy places, extending over Europe, Russian Asia, and northern America, but not an Arctic species. Not abundant in England or Ireland, and very rare in Scotland. *Fl. spring or early summer.*

2. **Alder Buckthorn. Rhamnus Frangula,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 250, *not good.*)

A more erect shrub than the *common R.*, not thorny, the leaves broader and more obtuse, entire or slightly sinuate, having sometimes a minute down on the under side, and the lateral veins more numerous, diverging equally from the midrib almost the whole of its length. Flowers 2 or 3 together in each axil, all hermaphrodite; the minute petals, the teeth of the calyx, and the stamens, in fives. Fruit dark purple, the size of a pea.

In hedges and bushy places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. In Britain rather more frequent than the *common R.*, but still rare in Scotland. *Fl. spring or early summer.*

The *Sumachs* of our shrubberies (species of *Rhus*) belong to the large family of *Terebinthaceæ*, widely spread over the temperate and hotter regions of the globe, but unrepresented in Britain. They are usually shrubs

or trees, with mostly compound leaves, small regular flowers, definite stamens, inserted under a perigynous disk, quite free from the ovary, and no albumen in the seed.

XXIV. THE PEAFLOWER TRIBE. PAPILIONACEÆ.

(A Tribe of the *Leguminous* family, or *Leguminosæ.*)

Herbs, shrubs, or trees; the leaves alternate (or, in a few exotic genera, opposite), usually furnished with stipules, simple or more frequently compound; the leaflets either pinnately or digitately arranged on their common stalk. Flowers in axillary or terminal racemes or spikes, rarely solitary. Sepals combined into a single calyx, more or less divided into 5 or fewer teeth or lobes. Corolla very irregular, consisting of 5 petals; the upper one, called the *standard*, is outside of all in the bud, and usually the broadest; the two lateral ones, called *wings*, are between the standard and the two lower ones, which are inside of all, and united more or less by their outer edge into a single one called the *keel;* the claws of all five petals remaining free. Stamens 10, the filaments in the British species either *monadelphous*, all united in a sheath round the ovary, or *diadelphous*, when the upper one is free and the other 9 united in a sheath. Ovary single, 1-celled, with 1, 2, or more ovules arranged along the inner or upper angle (the one next the standard) of the cavity. Style simple. Fruit a pod, usually opening in 2 valves. Seeds with 2 large cotyledons and no albumen.

A very numerous tribe, widely distributed over the whole surface of the globe, and easily known by the peculiar form and arrangement of the petals, constituting the well-known *peaflower* called by botanists *papilionaceous*, comparing it, by a not very intelligible stretch of imagination, to a butterfly. The whole family comprises two other tribes or suborders, chiefly tropical or southern: the *Cæsalpinia* tribe, represented in our plantations by the *Judas-tree* (*Cercis*) and the *Gleditschia* or, in our plant-houses, by *Cassias*, *Bauhinias*, and occasionally some others; and the *Mimosa* tribe, to which belong the *Sensitive-plant* (*Mimosa pudica*), the *Calliandras*, and the numerous Australian *Acacias* of our plant-houses. The *Leguminosæ* thus form, after the *Composites*, the most extensive of all the Natural Orders of flowering plants.

1 { Leaves simple, or with 3 leaflets 2
  { Leaves pinnate, with 2, 4, or more leaflets 12

2 { Calyx distinctly divided into two lips, either entire, or the upper one 2-toothed and the lower one 3-toothed 3
  { Calyx with 5 distinct teeth, not arranged in two lips 5

3 { Calyx yellow, nearly as long as the petals, deeply divided into two . . . 1. Furze.
  { Calyx short, not divided below the middle 4

4 { Lips of the calyx deeply toothed . . . . . 2. Genista.
  { Teeth of the lips very short . . . . . 3. Broom.

5 { Keel of the corolla very pointed 6
  { Keel of the corolla obtuse 7

6 { Leaves simple, or with 3 leaflets. Flowers solitary or in racemes. Stamens monadelphous . . . . . 4. Ononis.
  { Leaves with a pair of leaflets at the base of the stalk besides the three at the top. Flowers in umbels. Stamens diadelphous . . . . . 9. Lotus.

7 { Shrubs or undershrubs. Stamens monadelphous . . . . . 2. Genista.
  { Herbs. Stamens diadelphous 8

8 { Leaves simple, or reduced to a tendril . . . . . 19. Pea.
  { Leaves with 3 leaflets 9

9 { Pod much curved or spirally twisted. Flowers in short racemes . . 5. Medick.
  { Pod straight or nearly so 10

10 { Flowers in long racemes . . . . . 6. Melilot.
   { Flowers in heads or short racemes 11

11 { Pod several-seeded, much longer than the calyx . . . . . 7. Trigonel.
   { Pod 1- to 4-seeded, seldom exceeding the calyx . . . . . 8. Clover.

12 { Flowers in umbels or globular heads 13
   { Flowers in spikes or racemes, or solitary 17

13 { Umbels, with a leaf at the top of the peduncle immediately under the flowers . 14
   { Umbels leafless 16

14 { Calyx inflated, enclosing the pod . . . . . 10. Anthyllis.
   { Calyx not inflated, shorter than the pod 15

15 { Leaflets 5. Keel pointed or beaked. Pod not jointed . . . . . 9 Lotus.
   { Leaflets many. Keel obtuse. Pod jointed . . . . . 14. Bird's-foot.

16 { Keel very pointed . . . . . 15. Hippocrepis.
   { Keel small, obtuse. Flowers minute . . . . . 13. Arthrolobe.

17 { Common stalk of all the leaves ending in a terminal leaflet. Stipules not sagittate 18
   { Common stalk of the leaves, at least of some of them, ending in a tendril or fine point. Stipules sagittate, or half-sagittate 20

18 { Pod short, flat, with one seed . . . . . 16. Sainfoin.
   { Pod turgid, or elongated, with several seeds 19

19 { Keel with a short, distinct point . . . . . 12. Oxytrope.
   { Keel obtuse, without any point . . . . . 11. Astragal.

20 { Style filiform or angular, hairy on the under side or all round. Leaflets small and numerous (except in the *Bithynian V.*) . . . . . 17. Vetch.
   { Style flattened, hairy on the upper side only. Leaflets usually few, and rather large . . . . . 18. Pea.

Among the very numerous *Peaflowers* cultivated in our gardens, and belonging to genera entirely exotic, the most common are, amongst trees,—the *Laburnum* (*Cytisus Laburnum*), the *Robinias* (commonly called *Acacias*, but not the *Acacias* of botanists); among shrubs,—the *bladder Senna* (*Colutea arborescens*), the *Spanish Broom* (*Spartium junceum*), several species of *Cytisus*, *Caragana*, *Coronilla*, etc.; in flower-gardens,—several *Lupines*, the *French Honeysuckle* (*Hedysarum coronarium*), etc.; and in kitchen-gardens,—the *French Bean* (*Phaseolus vulgaris*), the *Scarlet runner* (*Phaseolus coccineus*), etc.; whilst the Australian *Chorozemas*, *Kennedyas* and others, the New Zealand *Edwardsias* and *Clianthus*, the East Indian *Piptanthus*, *Indigos*, etc., the Chinese *Millettia* (*Wistaria* or *Glycine* of gardeners), and many others, from various parts of the world, are conspicuous in our plant-houses or on garden-walls.

I. **FURZE.** ULEX.

Much branched, very thorny, green shrubs, with simple, prickle-shaped leaves, and yellow flowers. Calyx coloured like the petals, divided nearly to the base into two concave segments or lips, which are entire or minutely toothed at the top. Stamens all united into a complete sheath. Pod few-seeded, scarcely longer than the calyx.

A genus of very few species, confined to western and central Europe and north-western Africa.

Calyx very hairy, with the bracts of the base about a line long . . . 1. *Common F.*
Calyx nearly glabrous, the bracts scarcely perceptible . . . . . 2. *Dwarf F.*

1. **Common Furze. Ulex europæus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 742. *Furze, Gorse, or Whin.*)

A shrub of 2 to 3 feet, or even twice that height when old and luxuriant, and more or less hairy, especially on the main branches; the numerous short, intricate, small branches all ending in a stout thorn. Lower leaves occasionally lanceolate, but the greater number reduced to thorns, 2 to 6 lines long. Flowers about 6 lines long, solitary in the axils of the leaves on the preceding year's shoots, forming showy racemes, intermixed with thorns at the end of the branches. Calyx yellow like the petals and but little shorter, clothed with brownish hairs, with a small, broad bract about a line long on each side at the base, besides a similar bract under the short pedicel. Petals narrow.

On heaths and sandy and stony wastes in western Europe, extending eastward to northern and central Germany, but not a Mediterranean species. Abundant in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland, more scarce in the north. *Fl. spring and early summer, commencing occasionally in winter, or even late in autumn.* A double flowering variety, and another with compact erect branches, commonly called *Irish Furze* (or U. stricta), are frequent in gardens.

2. **Dwarf Furze. Ulex nanus,** Forst.

(Eng. Bot. t. 743.)

Very near the *common F.*, and perhaps a mere variety. It is of smaller stature, less hairy, and of a deeper green; the flowers of a deeper golden yellow, and smaller; the calyx glabrous, or with only a few short, scattered hairs, and the bracts at its base very much smaller, sometimes quite microscopic.

On heaths and sandy or stony wastes, more strictly western than the *common F.*, as it does not cross the Rhine, but often intermixed with that species. Very abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer and autumn, whilst the common F. is in fruit.* There are two forms, sometimes very distinct, at others running much one into the other; one, the original *U. nanus*, found chiefly in the plains of eastern England, is very dwarf and procumbent, with the calyx about 4 lines long; the other, under the name of *U. gallica*, is more erect, with the calyx about 5 lines long, and is more frequent in western England, often covering large tracts in the Welsh mountains.

II. **GENISTA.** GENISTA.

Low branching green shrubs or undershrubs, with single (or in some exotic species trifoliolate) leaves and yellow flowers. Calyx with 5 teeth, the 2 upper ones much longer than the 3 lower. Standard oblong, keel reflexed after flowering. Stamens all united in a complete sheath. Stigma oblique. Pod longer than the calyx, with several seeds.

A numerous genus chiefly in the Mediterranean region and western Asia, the few British species easily distinguished by their foliage and the shape of the petals. Many exotic species, however, present so much variety, that the general circumscription of the genus, and its distinction from *Cytisus* and other allied genera, are as yet far from being settled.

No thorns. Pod narrow, much flattened.
Corolla and pods without hairs. Branches erect or ascending . . . . 1. *Dyer's G.*
Corolla and pods hairy. Branches mostly prostrate . . . . . 2. *Hairy G.*
Lower branches very thorny. Pod short and inflated . . . . . 3. *Needle G.*

1. **Dyer's Genista. Genista tinctoria,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 44. *Greenweed.*)

Stems woody, branching and decumbent at the base, the flowering branches erect or ascending, 1 to 1½ feet high, hard and stiff, but green. Leaves sessile, from narrow-lanceolate to broadly elliptical or nearly ovate, glabrous or nearly so, and often shining. Flowers in short racemes at the ends of the branches, each one shortly stalked in the axil of a lanceolate bract, with very small bracteoles below the flowers. Calyx short, all the teeth ending in a short, fine point, the upper 3 broadly lanceolate, the 3 lower very narrow. Petals about 6 lines long. Pod nearly an inch long, flattened, and quite glabrous.

In pastures, thickets, and waste places, throughout central and southern Europe, across Russian Asia to the Baikal, and northward to southern Sweden. Frequent in the greater part of England, rare in Scotland and Ireland. *Fl. summer, rather early.* The common form is erect, with lanceolate leaves; in rich meadows it becomes very luxuriant, with ovate leaves; in dry rocky soils the stem is more branched, and almost prostrate, like the *hairy G.*, from which it is always known by its more pointed leaves, and glabrous flowers and pods.

2. **Hairy Genista. Genista pilosa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 208.)

Stems woody and prostrate, with numerous short, hard branches. Leaves shortly obovate or lanceolate, obtuse, glabrous above, but covered underneath with short, silky hairs. Flowers smaller than in the *Dyer's G.*, of a bright yellow, on short pedicels in the axils of the last year's leaves. Calyx silky. Petals also covered outside with silky hairs. Pod rather shorter and broader than in the *Dyer's G.*, thickly covered with longish hairs, which are appressed and silky when young, more spreading as the pod ripens.

In pastures, heaths, and dry, gravelly or stony places, common in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, extending northward to southern Sweden. Rare in Britain, and only recorded from Pembrokeshire, Cornwall, and Devonshire, in the west, and Sussex and Suffolk, in the east of England. *Fl. spring or early summer.*

3. **Needle Genista. Genista anglica,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 132. *Petty Whin.*)

A small, loosely branched, spreading shrub, seldom a foot high, perfectly glabrous, the lower branches converted into short, but slender, simple or branched thorns. Leaves small, lanceolate or ovate. Flowers few, in short, leafy racemes, paler and smaller than in the *Dyer's G.*; the teeth of the calyx less unequal; the petals narrow, and often turning green in drying. Pods about 6 lines long, broad, and much inflated.

On heaths, moors, and bushy pastures, in western Europe, extending eastward to Denmark and north-western Germany. Frequent in England and the greater part of Scotland, but not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. spring and early summer, and sometimes again later in the year.*

III. **BROOM.** SAROTHAMNUS.

Shrubs, with stiff, green branches, the leaves mostly with 3 digitate leaflets. Calyx campanulate, with 2 short, broad lips, minutely toothed at the top. Petals broad, the keel obtuse and slightly incurved. Stamens all united into a complete sheath. Style very long and spirally incurved. Pod flat, much longer than the calyx, with many seeds.

A genus of very few species, chiefly from western Europe, separated by rather slight characters from the exotic genus *Cytisus*, but now generally adopted.

1. **Common Broom. Sarothamnus scoparius,** Wimm.

(*Spartium*, Eng. Bot. t. 1339.)

A shrub, of 3 to 5 feet, glabrous or nearly so, with numerous long, straight and erect, green, wiry branches prominently angled. Lower leaves shortly stalked, with 3 small, obovate leaflets; upper leaves sessile; the leaflets often reduced to a single one. Flowers large, bright yellow, solitary or in pairs, on slender pedicels, in the axils of the old leaves, forming handsome leafy racemes along the upper branches. Petals all broad, the standard broadly orbicular, the keel often deflected as in *Genista*. Pod 1½ to 2 inches long, flat, hairy on the edges, but glabrous on the sides, the seeds attached to a line considerably within the edge of the pod.

On dry, hilly wastes and bushy places, chiefly in western Europe, but extending more sparingly to its eastern limits, and northward into southern Sweden. Common in England, Ireland, and the greater part of Scotland. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

The *Irish Broom* of our gardens is the *S. patens* from Portugal, not a native of Ireland. The *Spanish Broom* belongs to the genus *Spartium*. Other shrubs called *Brooms* in our gardens are species of *Cytisus*.

IV. **ONONIS.** ONONIS.

Herbs or low undershrubs, with pinnately trifoliolate, or rarely simple leaves; the leaflets generally toothed; the stipules leafy, adhering to the leafstalk; the flowers solitary, on axillary peduncles, often forming terminal leafy racemes. Calyx with 5 narrow segments. Standard large and striate. Keel terminating in a pointed beak. Stamens all united in a sheath. Pod inflated, with few seeds.

A rather numerous genus, chiefly from the Mediterranean region, and not extending far into Asia. The denticulate leaves are like those of the *Clover* group, whilst the stamens are monadelphous, as in *Genista* and its allies.

Much branched perennial or undershrub, often thorny . . . . . 1. *Restharrow O.*
Small, erect annual . . . . . 2. *Small O.*

1. **Restharrow Ononis. Ononis arvensis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 682, and Suppl. t. 2659. *O. campestris*, Bab. Man.)

Very variable in aspect, generally a low, spreading, much branched undershrub, often rooting at the base or creeping underground, sometimes nearly erect, a foot high or more, rarely glabrous, usually thinly clothed with soft spreading hairs, and more or less glutinous; the hairs either covering the

branches all round or chiefly or entirely in two opposite lines; in dry situations many of the small branches end in a thorn. Leaflets obovate or oblong, the lateral ones smaller or sometimes wanting. Flowers sessile or shortly stalked, solitary, on short branches, or forming short, leafy racemes. Flowers pink, the standard streaked with a deeper shade. Pod shorter or rather longer than the calyx, with 2 or 3 seeds.

In barren pastures and poor ill-cultivated fields, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Common in Britain, *Fl. summer and autumn.* A glabrous, more erect, and thorny variety is often admitted as a species, under the name of *O. antiquorum* or *O. campestris.* It is more common in the south of Europe than in Britain.

2. **Small Ononis. Ononis reclinata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2838.)

An erect annual, 3 or 4 inches high, slightly hairy, and often viscid, the lateral branches decumbent at the base. Leaflets small, varying from broadly obovate to very narrow. Flowers small, pale pink, hanging from short erect pedicels, forming short, terminal, leafy racemes. Petals scarcely exceeding the calyx, or shorter. Pod rather smaller, containing 10 or 12 seeds.

On sands and dry banks near the sea, very common round the Mediterranean, and here and there on the shores of the Atlantic, up to the Channel Islands, and again near the Mull of Galloway, on the south-west coast of Scotland. *Fl. early summer.*

V. **MEDICK.** MEDICAGO.

Herbs (with one exotic shrubby species), with leaves pinnately trifoliolate; the leaflets usually toothed; the leafy stipules adhering to the leafstalks; the flowers small, in short spikes or loose heads, on axillary peduncles. Calyx 5-toothed. Keel obtuse. Stamens diadelphous, the upper one entirely free. Pod small, with few seeds, very much curved or spirally twisted, and indehiscent.

A rather numerous genus in the Mediterranean region and a portion of central Asia, with a few species extending as weeds over a great portion of the globe. To determine the annual species it is absolutely necessary to have the fruit, as some cannot be distinguished by any other character.

Perennials, with conspicuous purple or pale yellow flowers.
- Stems mostly erect. Flower purple. Pod forming 2 or 3 spires . . 2. *Lucern M.*
- Stems decumbent. Flower pale yellow. Pod not forming a complete spire . . . . . 1. *Sickle M.*

Annuals, with very small, bright yellow flowers.
- Pod small, 1-seeded, not forming a complete spire . . . . . 3. *Black M.*
- Pod several-seeded, spirally twisted, edged with prickles.
  - Plant downy. Stipules nearly entire . . . . . 6. *Bur M.*
  - Plant nearly glabrous. Stipules finely toothed.
    - Pod nearly globular, of 3 or 4 spires, furrowed at the edge between the prickles . . . . . 5. *Spotted M.*
    - Pod of 2 or 3 flat, loose, strongly-veined spires, not furrowed at the edge . . . . . 4. *Denticulate M.*

The shrubby *M. arborea,* and one or two annual species from southern Europe, have been occasionally cultivated in gardens as curiosities, especially the so-called *Snail-plant* (M. scutellata).

1. **Sickle Medick. Medicago falcata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1016. *M. sylvestris*, Bab. Man.)

Stock perennial, with decumbent or rarely erect stems 1 to 2 feet long. Stipules narrow and entire. Leaflets obovate-oblong or nearly linear. Peduncles axillary, bearing at their extremity a short, close raceme of flowers, rather large for the genus, usually yellow, but sometimes passing into blue or violet. Pod much longer than the calyx, flat, more or less curved, but never forming more than one complete ring. Seeds 2 or 3.

On dry banks and open places in central and southern Europe, and central Asia, extending eastward to the Baikal and northward to Sweden. In Britain confined to southern and eastern England, and rare even there; quoted also from Ireland, but as scarcely indigenous. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Lucern Medick. Medicago sativa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1749. *Lucern.*)

Much like the *sickle M.*, and perhaps only a variety produced by cultivation. It is usually more erect, the flowers are almost always violet or blue, and the pod is spirally twisted so as to form 2, or sometimes 3, complete rings or coils.

Apparently of south-eastern origin, but so generally cultivated, that no station is known for it where it may not have escaped from cultivation. In Britain, certainly introduced only, on the borders of fields, and in pastures. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Black Medick. Medicago lupulina,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 971. *Nonsuch.*)

An annual, branching at the base into spreading stems 1 to 2 feet long, and more or less clothed with short, soft hairs. Stipules broad and shortly toothed. Leaflets obovate. Peduncles longer than the leaves, bearing a compact raceme or oblong head of very small bright yellow flowers. Pods small, black when ripe, glabrous or slightly hairy, kidney-shaped, but marked with veins, curved almost into a complete spire, containing a single seed.

In pastures and waste places, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, and often cultivated among "artificial grasses." Frequent in Britain, excepting northern Scotland. *Fl. the whole season.*

4. **Denticulate Medick. Medicago denticulata,** Willd.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2634.)

An annual, branching at the base into spreading stems from a few inches to above a foot long, glabrous, or with a very few appressed hairs. Stipules bordered with fine teeth. Leaflets obovate or obcordate. Flowers very small, in little heads, on peduncles rather longer than the leaflets. Pod spirally twisted, formed of 2 or 3 loose, flat coils, elegantly veined on the surface, and usually edged with two rows of more or less hooked or curved prickles, but not furrowed between them.

In cultivated and waste places, especially near the sea, very abundant in the Mediterranean region and west central Asia, and carried out with cultivation to many parts of the world. In Britain it appears to have established itself in some of the southern and eastern counties of England. *Fl. spring and summer.* A variety with smaller pods, with the prickles

exceedingly short and not hooked, has been sometimes considered as a species under the name of *M. apiculata*.

5. **Spotted Medick. Medicago maculata,** Willd.

(*M. polymorpha*, Eng. Bot. t. 1616.)

An almost glabrous annual, so like the last in foliage, stipules, and flowers, that, without the fruit, it can be scarcely distinguished but by a few spreading hairs on the leafstalks, visible when held up against the light. It is often also more luxuriant, the leaflets have usually a dark spot in the centre, and the flowers fewer in the raceme. The pod has 3 or 4 spires, much more compact than in the *denticulate M.*, giving the whole pod a more globular form, the surface is less veined, and the edge thicker, more or less furrowed between the prickles, which are finer and more curved.

In cultivated and waste places, in western and southern Europe to the Caucasus, rarely extending into Germany. Not uncommon in central and southern England. *Fl. spring and summer.*

6. **Bur Medick. Medicago minima,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2635.)

An annual, like the two last, but usually smaller and more compact, and clothed with short, soft hairs or down. Stipules entire or very shortly toothed. Flowers few, minute, on short peduncles. Pod smaller than in the two last species, nearly globular, of 2, 3, or 4 compact spires edged each with a double row of hooked prickles.

In open pastures and waste places, widely spread over Europe and western Asia, extending northwards to southern Sweden. Rare in Britain, and only in some of the southern and eastern counties of England. *Fl. spring and summer.* Like other species, it varies much in the size of the pods and the length of the prickles: in Britain they are usually small.

VI. **MELILOT.** MELILOTUS.

Herbs with leaves pinnately trifoliolate, the leaflets usually toothed, the stipules slightly adhering to the leafstalks, and small yellow or white flowers, in long, loose racemes on axillary peduncles. Calyx 5-toothed. Petals falling off after fading, the keel obtuse. Stamens diadelphous, the upper one entirely free. Pod of one or very few seeds, straight, thick, small, but longer than the calyx, and indehiscent.

A genus of few species, all south European or west Asiatic, but some spreading over most parts of the world. They were formerly united with *Clover*, but their inflorescence gives them a very different aspect. From *Trigonel* they differ chiefly in the short, thick pod, usually with only 1 or 2 seeds.

Flowers white . . . . . 3. *White M.*

Flowers yellow.

Pod irregularly net-veined and wrinkled. Stem usually 2 or 3 feet high . . . . . 1. *Common M.*

Pod transversely wrinkled. Stem usually under 2 feet high . . . 2. *Field M.*

1. **Common Melilot. Melilotus officinalis,** Linn.

(*Trifolium*, Eng. Bot. t. 1340.)

An annual or biennial, usually erect, 2, 3, or even 4 feet high, branched and glabrous; the leaves usually distant, on long leafstalks. Stipules narrow. Leaflets of the lower leaves obovate or nearly orbicular, those of the

upper ones narrower, often linear. Flowers numerous, 2 or 3 lines long, of a bright yellow, in long, axillary racemes. Pod oval, about 2 lines long, obtuse or pointed, marked with irregularly netted veins.

On roadsides, banks and bushy places throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Not frequent in Britain, and only as an introduced plant, exeepting in southern England, and perhaps Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Field Melilot. Melilotus arvensis,** Willd.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2690.)

Very near the *common M.*, and perhaps a mere variety. It is usually smaller, seldom attaining 2 feet, the leaflets rather broader, and the racemes looser, with fewer flowers, but the only positive distinetion is in the fruit, which is smaller, more like that of the *white M.*, and marked with transverse wrinkles. In flower only it is often impossible to distinguish it from the *common M.*

In cultivated and waste plaees, in central and southern Europe. In Britain, only observed in some of the eastern counties of England. *Fl. summer.* The species requires further investigation.

3. **White Melilot. Melilotus alba,** Lam.

(*M. leucantha*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2689. *M. vulgaris*, Brit. Fl.)

Very like the *common M.*, but usually of taller growth and longer duration, with a harder, more wiry stem, and narrower leaflets, and the flowers always white. Pod variable, but usually smaller and more obtuse than in the *common M.*, with the transverse wrinkles of the *field M.*

As widely spread as the *common M.* over continental Europe and Asia, and more abundant in the south, where it beeomes a troublesomc weed in fields and vineyards. Occasionally found in many parts of England, Ireland, and Scotland, but probably introdueed with eorn or ballast. *Fl. rather late in summer.*

VII. **TRIGONEL.** TRIGONELLA.

Herbs, with the habit and most of the eharacters of *Medick*, but differing from that genus by the straight or but slightly curved pod, and from *Clover* by the pod much longer than the calyx, and opening in two valves.

The true *Trigonels* or *Fenugreeks* are all exotic, and widely spread over southern Europe, Asia, and Australia. The only British species is somewhat anomalous, approaehing in many respects to *Clover*, with which it was associated by the older botanists, and recently proposed as a distinet genus under the name of *Aporanthes*. It requires further comparison with some exotic species, as yet but little known, before the question ean be decided.

1. **Bird's-foot Trigonel. Trigonella ornithopodioides,** DC.

(*Trifolium,* Eng. Bot. t. 1047.)

A little annual, with thickly matted spreading stems, rarely more than 2 or 3 inches long, and usually glabrous. Leaflets inserted close together at the summit of the stalk, obovate or obeordate, and toothed. Flowers small, nearly white, solitary or 2 or 3 together in each axil, the lower ones nearly sessile, the upper ones on stalks of 2 to 4 or even 5 lines long. Calyx-teeth

slender. Petals remaining round the pod as in *Clover*. Pod slightly curved, glabrous, containing 6 to 8 seeds.

In dry sandy pastures, chiefly near the sea, in western and southern Europe, extending northward to Denmark. In several maritime counties of England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. early summer.*

VIII. **CLOVER.** TRIFOLIUM.

Herbs, with stipules adhering to the leafstalks. Leaves pinnately or almost digitately trifoliolate; the leaflets often toothed. Flowers red, white, or yellow, in close heads. Calyx 5-toothed. Petals narrow, often connected together by the claws, and usually remaining round the pod after fading. Stamens diadelphous, the upper one entirely free. Pod scarcely protruding beyond the calyx, containing from 1 to 4 seeds, and usually indehiscent.

A very widely spread and numerous genus in the northern hemisphere, both in the new and the old world, deficient in several tropical regions, but reappearing in southern America and Africa. It is readily distinguished from the *Medicks* and *Trigonels* by the pod, from the *Melilots* by the compact heads of flower.

1 { Heads of flowers pedunculate in the axils of the leaves, or above the last leaves of the stem 2
  { Heads of flowers closely sessile in the axils, or within the last leaves of the stem . 14

2 { Flowers yellow, reflexed and brown when faded 3
  { Flowers red, white, or cream-coloured 5

3 { Flowers 30 to 40, in a compact head. Standard distinctly furrowed when faded. 18. *Hop C.*
  { Flowers not more than 20 in the head. Standard scarcely striate 4

4 { Flowers usually 10 to 20 in the head, sessile or on very short pedicels 19. *Lesser C.*
  { Flowers 2 or 3, rarely 5 or 6 in the head. Pedicels as long as the calyx-tube. 20. *Slender C.*

5 { Stem creeping, and rooting at the nodes, or closely prostrate 6
  { Stem ascending or erect 8

6 { Flowers pedicellate in the head, reflexed after fading . . . . . 17. *White C.*
  { Flowers sessile, erect 7

7 { Heads globular. Flowers small. Calyx much inflated after flowering. 16. *Strawberry C.*
  { Heads of few rather large flowers. Peduncles turned down into the ground after flowering . . . . . 15. *Subterranean C.*

8 { Heads oblong or cylindrical when fully out 9
  { Heads ovoid or globular 10

9 { Corolla small, shorter than the long, fine calyx-teeth . . . . . 2. *Hare's-foot C.*
  { Corolla showy. Standard longer than the calyx-teeth . . . . . 1. *Crimson C.*

10 { Corolla small, 1 to 3 lines long 11
   { Corolla showy, 5 to 6 lines long or more 13

11 { Calyx-teeth short, lanceolate, slightly ciliate . . . . . 7. *Sea C.*
   { Calyx-teeth short, subulate, glabrous . . . . . 11. *Upright C.*
   { Calyx softly hairy, the teeth longer than the corolla, spreading after flowering. 3. *Starry C.*
   { Calyx inflated after flowering. Standard turned outwards . . . 14. *Reversed C.*

12 { Annual. Teeth of the calyx nearly equal . . . . . 1. *Crimson C.*
   { Perennials. Lower tooth of the calyx longer than the others 13

13 { Flowers red . . . . . 6. *Zigzag C.*
   { Flowers cream-coloured . . . . . 4. *Sulphur C.*

14 { Corolla showy, 6 lines long or more 15
   { Corolla small, 1 to 3 lines 16

15 { Flowers red . . . . . 5. *Purple C.*
   { Flowers cream-coloured . . . . . 4. *Sulphur C.*

16 { Heads globular. Calyx glabrous, with short recurved teeth 17
   { Heads ovoid or oblong when fully out. Calyx more or less hairy, with rigid, erect or spreading teeth 18

17 { Heads crowded at the base of the very short prostrate stems . . . 13. *Suffocated C.*
{ Heads distinct or distant along the branches . . . . . 12. *Clustered C.*

18 { Calyx-teeth rigid and spreading after flowering, almost lanceolate 19
{ Calyx-teeth shortly subulate, erect or slightly spreading 20

19 { Stems ascending or erect, a foot high or more . . . . . 7. *Sea C.*
{ Stems spreading, seldom above 6 inches . . . . . 10. *Rough C.*

20 { Leaflets obovate. Upper stipules very broad . . . . . 8. *Knotted C.*
{ Leaflets narrow-oblong or linear. Stipules narrow. Stem erect . 9. *Boccone's C.*

The *Alsike clover* (*T. hybridum*), a species allied to the *white C.*, but with ascending not creeping stems, and more pink in the flowers, is now frequently cultivated for forage, but does not appear to have as yet become naturalized, although common in northern and central continental Europe.

1. **Crimson Clover. Trifolium incarnatum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2950.)

A softly hairy annual, erect or nearly so, often slender and starved-looking when wild, with ovoid or shortly oblong terminal flower-heads; but in rich soils, or when cultivated, attaining 1½ to 2 feet in height, with oblong or cylindrical flower-heads sometimes 2 inches long. Stipules broad and membranous. Leaflets very broadly obovate or obcordate. Calyx softly hairy, with narrow pointed teeth nearly equal in length. Corolla of a rich crimson, or of a pale cream-colour, 4 to 6 lines long.

In open places, especially near the sea, in southern Europe, and, having been long cultivated for fodder, has become naturalized in various parts of central and even northern Europe. In Britain, the pale yellow variety, the most common in a truly wild state on the Continent, appears to be indigenous on the coast of Cornwall, near the Lizard Point; the cultivated crimson variety has only established itself in a few places in southern England: *Fl. summer.*

2. **Hare's-foot Clover. Trifolium arvense,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 944.)

A slender, branching, erect annual, seldom reaching a foot in height, and clothed with short soft hairs. Stipules and leaflets narrow. Flowers small, in pedunculate heads, which are at first nearly globular but soon become oblong or cylindrical, 6 to 9 lines long, appearing very soft and feathery owing to the fine hairy teeth of the calyx projecting beyond the very small corolla.

In cornfields, dry pastures, on sandy banks, etc., throughout Europe and western Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in Britain, but more in the south than in the north. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

3. **Starry Clover. Trifolium stellatum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1545.)

A low but rather coarse annual, covered with soft hairs, and seldom above 6 inches high. Leaves broadly obovate or obcordate. Flower-heads globular, softly hairy, on rather long peduncles above the last leaves. Calyx remarkable for the long subulate-lanceolate teeth, spreading like a star after flowering, whilst the mouth is closed over the pod by a tuft of hairs. Corolla shorter than the calyx-teeth, of a pale cream-colour.

In dry pastures and waste places, in southern Europe, common round the Mediterranean, reappearing in south-western France, and in Britain, on the coast of Sussex near Shoreham, and perhaps in a few other localities, introduced with ballast. *Fl. early summer, and sometimes again in autumn.*

4. **Sulphur Clover. Trifolium ochroleucum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1224.)

A perennial, with the habit and foliage, as well as the inflorescence of the *purple C.*, and the same sized flowers, but the leaflets are usually rather narrower, the flower-heads more ovoid, and the flowers cream-coloured, with rather shorter teeth to the calyx, the lowest tooth twice as long as the others.

In pastures, dry meadows, and open woods, in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, but not crossing the Baltic. In Britain, confined to a few of the eastern counties of England. *Fl. summer.*

5. **Purple Clover. Trifolium pratense,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1770.)

Stock usually perennial, but of few years' duration. Stems decumbent or nearly erect, 1 to 2 feet long, and hairy. Stipules rather large, ovate, veined, with long green points. Leaflets obovate or obcordate. Flowers of a reddish purple, about 6 lines long, in dense terminal, ovoid, or globular heads, with 2 sessile, trifoliolate leaves close at their base, or very rarely the heads are shortly stalked above them. Calyx-teeth subulate and hairy, the lowest longer than the others. After flowering the petals turn brown, the calyx remains erect, enclosing the pod, which has usually a single seed.

In meadows and pastures, throughout Europe and central and northern Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle, ascending high up into mountain regions. It has however been so long cultivated, that in some localities it may not be truly indigenous. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. the whole summer.*

6. **Zigzag Clover. Trifolium medium,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 190.)

Very much resembles the *purple C.*, and may be a mere variety. It is a handsomer plant, with narrower stipules and leaflets; the heads of flowers are always more or less pedunculate above the last floral leaves, and the corolla rather larger, of a brighter and richer colour. The zigzag stem is not a very constant differential character, and even the pedunculate flower-heads may be occasionally observed also in the *purple C.*

In open woods, bushy pastures, on banks and roadsides, in northern and central Europe, and across Russian Asia, becoming a mountain plant in southern Europe. Generally spread over Britain, but more common in southern Scotland and northern England than further north or south; extends also into Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

7. **Sea Clover. Trifolium maritimum,** Huds.
(Eng. Bot. t. 220.)

An annual, with spreading or decumbent stems, seldom above a foot high, and more slender than the three last, with much smaller flowers. Stipules long and narrow. Leaflets narrow-obovate or oblong. Flower-heads at first globular, then ovoid, shortly pedunculate above the last leaves. Calyx-teeth at first subulate, the lower one longer than the others, but all much shorter than in the *purple C.*, and after flowering they are somewhat enlarged, stiff, and slightly spreading. Corolla pale pink, rather longer than the calyx.

In salt-marshes and rich meadows near the sea, in southern and western

Europe, rarely extending inland along great rivers. In Britain, confined to southern England and Ireland. *Fl. summer, rather early.*

8. **Knotted Clover. Trifolium striatum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1843.)

A small, tufted, more or less spreading annual, covered with short, soft hairs. Stipules ovate, ending in a fine point. Leaflets obovate. Flower-heads small, ovoid or globular, chiefly terminal, and closely sessile within the last leaves, of which the stipules are very broad and thin, with occasionally one or two heads sessile in the axils of the upper leaves. Calyx softly hairy, with short but subulate teeth, which remain erect after flowering. Corolla very small and pale red.

In dry pastures, on banks and waste places, in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, extending northward into southern Sweden. Diffused over nearly the whole of England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. all summer.*

9. **Boccone's Clover. Trifolium Bocconi,** Savi.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2868.)

Very near the *knotted C.*, but the stems are erect or nearly so, 2 to 6 inches high; the stipules narrower; the leaflets narrow-oblong, spathulate, or nearly linear; the flower-heads more oblong, usually two together at the summit of the stem, and sometimes one or two besides, on short, lateral branches. Flowers much like those of the *knotted C.*, of a very pale colour, the calyx rather less hairy.

In dry pastures and waste places in southern Europe, and here and there up western France. In Britain only on the Cornwall coast, near the Lizard Point. *Fl. summer.*

10. **Rough Clover. Trifolium scabrum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 903.)

Very near the *knotted C.*, and not always easy to distinguish from it. Usually more procumbent and less hairy, the leaflets not so broad, the flower-heads more in the axils of the leaves, and the stipules of the floral leaves less prominent; but the chief distinction lies in the calyx, of which the teeth are broader, more rigid, and usually spreading or recurved after flowering, giving the plant a stiffer appearance. Flowers small and whitish.

In dry pastures and waste places, in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, scarcely extending into northern Germany. In Britain, chiefly near the sea, in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland, but less common than the *knotted C.* *Fl. all summer.*

11. **Upright Clover. Trifolium strictum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2949.)

An erect annual, seldom 6 inches high, and perfectly glabrous. Stipules very broad and thin. Leaflets narrow. Flower-heads solitary, or two or three on each stem, pedunculate above the last leaves, small and globular. Flowers very small. Calyx campanulate, the teeth subulate, quite glabrous, and about the length of the corolla. Pod ovoid, generally 1-seeded, projecting from the calyx.

In dry pastures and waste places, scattered over central and southern Europe, from the Atlantic to Transylvania. In Britain, confined to the

Channel Islands and the Cornwall coast about the Lizard Point. *Fl. early summer.*

12. **Clustered Clover. Trifolium glomeratum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1063.)

A small, slender, spreading annual, glabrous or nearly so. Stipules short, with a subulate point. Leaflets broadly obovate. Flower-heads small, globular, closely sessile in the axils of the leaves or at the ends of the branches. Calyx-teeth short, broad, very pointed, and rigidly recurved as the pod ripens. Corolla of a bright pink, very small, although longer than the calyx-teeth.

On dry heaths, pastures, and waste places, very abundant in southern Europe to the Caucasus, and extending more sparingly along western France to the southern and eastern counties of England. *Fl. early summer.*

13. **Suffocated Clover. Trifolium suffocatum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1049.)

A very small tufted annual, with procumbent stems often scarcely developed, and seldom more than 2, or at most 3, inches long. Leaflets glabrous, obovate, on long, slender footstalks. Flowers small, closely sessile, in little dense heads, crowded along the short stems, close to the ground. Calyx thin, with fine recurved teeth; the corolla very minute.

In dry pastures and sandy or gravelly places, especially near the sea, in southern Europe to the Caucasus, extending up western France to the shores of the Channel. Rare in England, on the southern coasts, extending eastward up to Norfolk, and westward to Anglesea; not recorded from Ireland, but perhaps overlooked from its small size. *Fl. spring or early summer.*

14. **Reversed Clover. Trifolium resupinatum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. Suppl. 2789, *not good.*)

A glabrous annual, with numerous stems, leafy and tufted at the base, lengthened out to a foot or more. Stipules rather broad, with narrow points. Flower-heads small, on short axillary peduncles. Calyx glabrous or nearly so, the teeth short, but after flowering the upper part becomes very much inflated, arched, membranous and veined, with the 2 upper teeth at the top, the 3 lower ones remaining at the base of the inflated part. Corolla small, pink, the standard turned outwards instead of inwards as in other *Clovers.*

In meadows and pastures, especially near the sea, in southern Europe to the Caucasus, and up western France to the shores of the Channel. Not indigenous in Britain, but has occasionally appeared in some of the southern counties of England. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

15. **Subterranean Clover. Trifolium subterraneum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1048.)

A small, prostrate annual, more or less clothed with long spreading hairs; the stems usually short and tufted, but occasionally lengthened out to 6 or 8 inches. Stipules broad. Leaflets obovate, on long leafstalks. Flowers white or pale pink, long in proportion to the plant, 2 or 3 together on axillary peduncles, which lengthen considerably after flowering, and turn down almost into the ground; the fruiting calyx then turns back upon the

peduncle, and is usually surrounded by short thick fibres, each with 5 spreading, subulate teeth, showing that they are, in fact, undeveloped calyxes.

In dry, gravelly or sandy pastures, common in southern Europe to the Caucasus, and up western France to the Channel. Abundant in many parts of southern and central England, but not in the north, nor in Scotland, nor as yet recorded from Ireland. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

16. **Strawberry Clover. Trifolium fragiferum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1050, *not good.*)

The perennial stock, creeping stems, foliage, and peduncles are those of the *white C.*, but the flowers are closely sessile in the head, surrounded by an involucre of lobed bracts as long as the calyx-tubes, and the calyx, after flowering, becomes much inflated, thin, and reticulate, with short fine teeth; the flower-head is thin, very compact, half an inch or more in diameter, and often assumes a pink tint, so as to have been compared to a strawberry. Corolla small and red.

In rather dry meadows and pastures, common in Europe and central and Russian Asia, penetrating far into Scandinavia. Frequent in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

17. **White Clover. Trifolium repens,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1769. *Dutch Clover.*)

A glabrous or slightly hairy perennial, the stems creeping and rooting at the nodes. Stipules small. Leaflets obovate, distinctly toothed, and usually bearing a mark in the centre, which has been compared to a horseshoe, the leafstalks often very long. Peduncles axillary, long, and erect, bearing a globular head, or rather umbel, of white flowers, often tinged with pink; the pedicels, after flowering, more or less elongated and recurved. Calyx-teeth scarcely so long as the tube, the lowest one usually the shortest. Pod containing 2 to 4 seeds, usually protruding from the calyx, but enclosed in the withered corolla.

In meadows and pastures, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle, and having been long cultivated, and spreading rapidly in genial soils, it is now common in most temperate regions of the globe. Abundant in Britain. In Ireland believed to be of comparatively recent introduction, although it is now taken as the national emblem in substitution of the *Wood-sorrel Oxalis*, which was the original shamrock. *Fl. the whole season.*

18. **Hop Clover. Trifolium agrarium,** Linn.

(*T. procumbens*, Eng. Bot. t. 945.)

A slender annual, much branched at the base, glabrous or slightly downy, procumbent or nearly erect, 6 inches to a foot long, or rather more. Stipules broad and pointed. Leaflets obovate or obcordate, the central one at some distance from the others. Flower-heads loosely globular or ovoid, on rather long axillary peduncles, containing 30 to 50 small yellow flowers on very short pedicels; in fading, the flowers become reflexed, and turn pale brown, with a broadly obovate standard, distinctly marked with longitudinal furrows, and completely concealing the small, 1-seeded pod.

In rather dry pastures and meadows, on the borders of fields, etc., throughout Europe and western Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant

in Britain generally, but becoming rare in northern Scotland. *Fl. the whole season.*

19. **Lesser Clover. Trifolium procumbens,** Linn.

(*T. minus*, Eng. Bot. t. 1256.)

Very near the *Hop C.*, but more slender and procumbent; the flowers smaller, usually 12 to 20 in a head, and of a paler colour; the standard not so broad, more folded, and only faintly striated. The central leaflet of each leaf is usually at some distance from the others, as in the *Hop C.*, excepting sometimes in the lower leaves. Pedicels of the flowers much shorter than the tube of the calyx.

As common as the *Hop C.* over the greater part of Europe, but does not appear to extend so far to the east or to the north. In Britain, also as abundant as the *Hop C.*, excepting, perhaps, in the north. *Fl. the whole season.* Starved specimens of this species are much like the more luxuriant ones of the *slender C.*, and chiefly distinguished by the shortness of the pedicels.

20. **Slender Clover. Trifolium filiforme,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1257.)

Still more slender than the *lesser C.*; the stems decumbent, ascending, or erect, seldom 6 inches long. Leaflets usually narrower than in the two last species, the central one inserted immediately between the two others, excepting in the upper leaves of very luxuriant specimens. Flowers 2 or 3 in each head, or very seldom as many as 5 or 6, smaller than in the *lesser C.*; the pedicels usually about as long as the calyx.

In sandy or stony pastures and waste places, chiefly near the sea, in southern Europe; very common round the Mediterranean, and extending up western France to the Channel. Rare in Britain, and probably confined to south-eastern England, starved states of the *lesser C.* having been frequently mistaken for it. I have seen specimens of the true plant from Gravesend, in Kent. *Fl. early summer.*

IX. **LOTUS.** LOTUS.

Herbs, with pinnate leaves of 5 (rarely 4) leaflets, of which 2 (or 1), close to the stem, take the place and appearance of stipules. Peduncles axillary, bearing one or several yellow or reddish flowers in an umbel, with a leaf of 3 leaflets close under it. Calyx 5-toothed. Keel pointed. Stamens diadelphous, the upper one free from the base, and 5 of the filaments flattened at the top. Pod cylindrical, with several seeds.

A well-marked genus, not very numerous in species, chiefly abundant in southern Europe and northern Africa, but widely spread over the temperate regions of the old world and Australia.

Perennial. Flowers usually 5 or more in the umbel . . . . . 1. *Common L.*
Annual. Flowers small, seldom above 2 in the umbel . . . . . 2. *Slender L.*

1. **Common Lotus. Lotus corniculatus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2090. *Bird's-foot Trefoil.*)

Stock perennial, with a long taproot. Stems decumbent or ascending, from a few inches to near 2 feet long. Leaflets usually ovate or obovate,

and pointed, but sometimes narrow; those which take the place of stipules broader than the others. Peduncles much longer than the leaves. Umbels of from 5 or 6 to twice that number of bright yellow flowers; the standard often red on the outside. Calyx-teeth about the length of the tube. Pod usually about an inch long. Seeds globular, separated by a pithy substance, which nearly fills the pod.

In meadows and pastures, whether wet or dry, open or shaded, widely spread over Europe, Russian and central Asia, the East Indian Peninsula, and Australia, but not reaching the Arctic Circle. Abundant all over Britain. *Fl. the whole summer.* It is a very variable species, accommodating itself to very different stations and climates; and some of the races appear so permanent in certain localities as to have been generally admitted as species, but in others they run so much into one another as to be absolutely undistinguishable. The most distinct British forms are—

a. *Greater Lotus* (*L. major*, Eng. Bot. t. 2091). Tall, ascending or nearly erect, glabrous or slightly hairy, and luxuriant in all its parts, with 6 to 12 flowers in the umbel. Calyx-teeth usually, but not always, finer and more spreading than in the smaller forms. In moist meadows, along ditches, under hedges, and in rich, bushy places.

b. *Common Lotus.* Low and spreading, often tufted at the base, glabrous or nearly so, usually with 5 or 6 rather large flowers to the umbel. Leaflets broad, and often glaucous, especially near the sea, where they become much thicker. In open pastures and on dry sunny banks.

c. *Hairy Lotus.* Like the common variety, but covered with long spreading hairs. In dry, sunny situations, common in southern Europe, but rare in Britain.

d. *Narrow Lotus* (*L. tenuis*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2615). Slender and more branched than the common form, with very narrow leaflets. In poor pastures and grassy places, chiefly in south-eastern Europe. Rare in Britain, and always running much into the common form.

2. **Slender Lotus. Lotus angustissimus,** Linn.
(*L. diffusus*, Eng. Bot. t. 925.)

An annual, more slender and branched than the *common L.*, always hairy, and with smaller leaflets. Peduncles short, the flowers scarcely above half the size of those of the *common L.*, often solitary or 2 together, very seldom 3 or even 4 in the umbel. Calyx-teeth longer than the tube. Pod slender, 8 or 9 lines long.

In meadows, pastures, and fields, very common in southern Europe, extending eastward in southern Russia to the Altai, and northward along the coasts of western Europe to the Channel. In Britain, only on the south coasts of Ireland and England, extending eastward to Hastings. *Fl. early summer, and often again in autumn.* The *hispid L.* (*L. hispidus*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2823) is a larger, more hairy variety, having often 3 flowers to the umbel, with a thicker pod, often less than 6 lines long. It has the same range as the more slender variety.

X. **ANTHYLLIS.** ANTHYLLIS.

Herbs, with pinnate leaves, and yellow, red, or purple flowers in crowded heads or umbels, with a deeply divided bract close underneath. Calyx in-

flated, with 5 small teeth. Stamens all united in an entire sheath. Pod enclosed in the calyx, with few seeds.

A genus of few species, chiefly from the Mediterranean region, allied to *Lotus* in inflorescence, to *Genista* in its stamens, and easily distinguished by the calyx.

1. **Common Anthyllis. Anthyllis vulneraria,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 104. *Kidney Vetch, or Lady's-fingers.*)

Stock perennial, and often tufted, with spreading or ascending stems, from a few inches to a foot long; the whole plant more or less clothed with short, appressed, silky hairs. Leaflets narrow and entire, 6 lines long or more; in the upper leaves often numerous and not very unequal; in the lower leaves the terminal leaflet is usually oblong, an inch long or more, with very few, much smaller ones, along the stalk; or in the first leaves the terminal one stands alone. Flower-heads usually in pairs at the ends of the branches, each one surrounded by a digitate, leafy bract; the flowers numerous and closely sessile. Calyx hairy, much inflated, and contracted at the mouth. Corolla small, varying from a pale or bright yellow to a deep red.

In dry pastures and rocky stony places, chiefly in hilly districts, throughout Europe and western Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle. Ranges generally over Britain, although here and there considerable districts may be without it. *Fl. summer, commencing early.*

XI. **ASTRAGAL.** ASTRAGALUS.

Herbs, with pinnate leaves, and pink, purple, bluish, pale yellow, or white flowers, in axillary racemes or spikes, without leafy bracts. Stipules entire at the base (not sagittate). Calyx with 5 teeth. Petals usually narrow. Keel obtuse. Stamens diadelphous, the upper one entirely free. Pod cylindrical or inflated, usually more or less divided lengthwise by a complete or partial partition proceeding from the side next the keel. Seeds several.

A very numerous genus, distributed all over Europe, central and northern Asia, North America, and down the Andes of South America; penetrating far into the Arctic regions, ascending to high alpine summits, and abundant in the hot rocky districts of the Mediterranean region.

Stems 2 or 3 feet long, with large leaflets, and dingy yellow flowers . . 3. *Sweet A.*
Low plants, with small leaflets, and bluish-purple flowers.
Flowers 8 or 9 lines long. Pods erect, not twice the length of the calyx . . . . . 1. *Purple A.*
Flowers not 6 lines long. Pods pendulous, 3 or 4 times the length of the calyx . . . . . 2. *Alpine A.*

1. **Purple Astragal. Astragalus hypoglottis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 274.)

A low, slightly hairy perennial, the stem prostrate, branching at the base, 2 to 5 or 6 inches long. Stipules free from the leafstalk, but more or less united together on the opposite side of the stem. Leaflets usually in 10 to 12 pairs, with an odd one, 2 or 3 lines long. Flowers of a bluish purple, in short spikes, on long axillary peduncles. Calyx sessile, erect, about 3 lines long, more or less downy with short black hairs. Standard near 3

times as long as the calyx. Pod shortly stalked within the calyx, ovoid, erect, hairy, seldom 6 lines long, and completely divided by a longitudinal partition into 2 cells, usually with only one seed in each cell.

On dry hilly pastures, in central and northern Europe, Russian Asia, and northern America, but not an Arctic plant. In Britain, chiefly in eastern, central, and northern England, and southern Scotland; in Ireland, only indicated on the south islands of Arran on the west coast. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Alpine Astragal. Astragalus alpinus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2717.)

A small, prostrate, slightly hairy perennial, the stems branching at the base, a few inches or rarely nearly a foot long. Stipules slightly connected with the leafstalk, but quite free from each other. Leaflets 8 to 12 pairs, with an odd one, ovate or oblong. Flowers drooping, of a bluish purple, or white tipped with purple, in short close racemes, on rather long peduncles; the calyx little more than 1 line; the corolla about 5 lines long, with petals broader in proportion than in the *purple A.* Pod pendulous, about 6 lines long, on a stalk about the length of the calyx, covered with short black hairs, and partially divided inside by a narrow projection from the side next the keel. Seeds 3 to 6.

An alpine plant, common in the great mountain-ranges of central and northern Europe and Russian Asia, and extending far into the Arctic regions. In Britain, only in the mountains of Clova and Braemar in Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Sweet Astragal. Astragalus glycyphyllos,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 203. *Milkvetch.*)

A glabrous perennial, of a light green colour; the zigzag stems spreading along the ground to the length of 2 feet or even more. Stipules free. Leaflets 11, 13, or more, ovate, 1 to 1½ inches long, the common leafstalk full 6 inches long. Flowers about 6 or 7 lines long, of a dingy yellow, spreading or pendulous, in racemes rather shorter than the leaves. Pods erect, curved, glabrous, above an inch long, completely divided into 2 cells by a thin double partition, with 6 to 8 seeds in each half.

In rather dry, open woods, and bushy places, over the greater part of Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Not common in Britain, although it ranges over a great part of England, especially the eastern counties, and southern Scotland; not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

XII. **OXYTROPE.** OXYTROPIS.

Low, tufted perennials, only differing from *Astragal* in the keel, which has a small point at its extremity, either erect or slightly recurved, and in the pod, which has an incomplete longitudinal partition projecting into the cavity from the angle next the vexillum (the one which bears the seeds), not from the angle next the keel.

A considerable genus, but not so numerous nor so widely spread as *Astragal*, and chiefly confined to mountain stations or high latitudes in Europe, Asia, and North America.

Flowers yellowish . . . . . 1. *Yellow O.*
Flowers purple . . . . . 2. *Purple O.*

1. Yellow Oxytrope. Oxytropis campestris, DC.

(*Astragalus*, Eng. Bot. t. 2522.)

Stock short and tufted, covered with the old stipules and leafstalks, seldom lengthening into shortly ascending branches; the leaves and peduncles usually proceeding from the stock. Leaflets 10 to 15 pairs, with an odd one, oblong or lanceolate, and hairy; the common leafstalk 2 or 3 inches long. Peduncles rather longer, with a short spike of pale yellow flowers, tinged with purple. Calyx hairy, 4 or 5 lines long; corolla twice that length; the point of the keel short, straight, and erect. Pod erect, ovoid, covered with short, usually black, hairs; the partition projecting to about the centre of the cavity.

In mountain pastures, and on alpine rocks, common in the great mountain ranges and Arctic regions of Europe, Russian Asia, and northern America. In Britain only in one spot, among the Clova mountains of Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

2. Purple Oxytrope. Oxytropis uralensis, DC.

(*Astragalus*, Eng. Bot. t. 466, *not exact as to the point of the keel.* *O. Halleri*, Bab. Man.)

Stock short and tufted, with the foliage, inflorescence, and pod of the *yellow O.*, but the whole plant is much more densely covered with soft, silky hairs; the flowers are of a bright purple, and the pod is more completely divided into two cells. The point of the keel is short and straight, as in the *yellow O.*

In mountain pastures, in central Europe and Russian Asia, descending to a low level in the north, and penetrating far into the Arctic regions. Not uncommon in Scotland, in dry, hilly pastures, chiefly near the sea, but does not descend to England. *Fl. summer.*

XIII. ARTHROLOBE. ARTHROLOBIUM.

Slender, spreading, glabrous annuals, with pinnate leaves and axillary peduncles, bearing an umbel of minute flowers, without any bract. Calyx tubular. Pod cylindrical, curved, separating, when ripe, into several one-seeded articles.

A genus of very few species, chiefly south European, scarcely distinct from *Coronilla*, and differing from *Bird's-foot* chiefly in the want of the leaf to the umbel.

1. Sand Arthrolobe. Arthrolobium ebracteatum, DC.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2844.)

Stems very slender, spreading on the ground to the length of 6 inches. Leaflets 9 to 15, small, obovate or oblong, the lowest pair at some distance from the stem. Stipules very small. Peduncles very slender, with an umbel of from 2 to 5 minute, yellow flowers. Pod about an inch long, slender, curved, ending in a short, hooked beak, and separating into several linear articles.

In sandy situations, near the sea, chiefly in south-western Europe, extending nearly all round the Mediterranean, and northward, up western

France to the Channel Islands, and to the Scilly Isles off the coast of Cornwall. *Fl. spring, and often again towards autumn.*

XIV. **BIRD'S-FOOT.** ORNITHOPUS.

Slender, spreading, hairy annuals, with pinnate leaves and axillary peduncles, bearing a head, or umbel, of very few small, pink, or white flowers, with a pinnate leaf at their base. Stamens diadelphous, the upper one quite free. Pod narrow, much longer than the calyx, slightly flattened, separating, when ripe, into several 1-seeded articles.

A genus of very few, chiefly south European, species, only differing from *Coronilla* by the slightly flattened pod, and by the leaf on the peduncle, under the flowers.

1. **Common Bird's-foot. Ornithopus perpusillus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 369.)

Stems spreading on the ground, or slightly ascending, to the length of 6 or eight inches. Leaflets 5 to 10, or sometimes more, pairs, with an odd one, small, oval or oblong, and softly hairy, the lowest pair close to the stem. Flowers usually 2 or 3 only on the peduncle, closely sessile over a small, pinnate leaf; the keel short and obtuse. Pods slightly downy, about 6 lines long, ending in a curved beak; the articles short and oval.

In dry pastures, in central and southern Europe, scarcely extending to its eastern limits, and northward only into southern Sweden. Abundant in many parts of England and Ireland, less so in Scotland. *Fl. spring and summer.*

XV. **HIPPOCREPIS.** HIPPOCREPIS.

Herbs or low shrubs, usually glabrous, with pinnate leaves and axillary peduncles, bearing an umbel of yellow flowers, without any leaf. Stamens diadelphous, the upper one quite free. Pod much flattened, of numerous articles, each of them curved like a horseshoe, so that the pod has as many deep notches on one side.

A genus of but few species, chiefly natives of south-western Europe. In flower they cannot well be distinguished from *Coronilla*, but the pod is very different.

1. **Common Hippocrepis. Hippocrepis comosa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 31.)

Stock perennial, with numerous stems branching at the base, and either short and tufted, or spreading along the ground to the length of 6 inches to a foot. Leaflets 9 to 15, small, obovate, oblong, or linear, and glabrous, the lowest pair at a distance from the stem. Flowers 5 to 8 in the umbel, resembling those of the *common Lotus*, and with nearly the same pointed keel, but rather smaller and paler. Pod about an inch long, ending in a fine point, the notches of the inner edge broad and deep.

In pastures, on banks, etc., chiefly in limestone districts, in central and southern, especially western Europe, not extending to northern Germany.

Abundant in some parts of England, but not in Scotland or Ireland. *Fl. spring and summer.*

XVI. **SAINFOIN.** ONOBRYCHIS.

Herbs, with pinnate leaves, without tendrils, and spikes of flowers usually pink, on long axillary peduncles. Stamens diadelphous, the upper one quite free. Pod sessile, flat, hard, 1-seeded, and indehiscent, strongly veined or pitted, and usually either prickly, crested, or winged.

A genus of several species, chiefly from the eastern Mediterranean region and west-central Asia, very distinct from any other British *Peaflower*, but only differing from *Hedysarum* (a large European and Asiatic genus, which includes the so-called *French Honeysuckle* of our gardens) in the pods being reduced to a single article.

1. **Common Sainfoin. Onobrychis sativa,** Lam.

(*Hedysarum Onobrychis*, Eng. Bot. t. 96.)

Stock perennial, but of few years' duration, with several ascending stems, 1 to 1½ or rarely 2 feet long. Stipules brown, thin, and finely pointed. Leaflets numerous, oblong, slightly downy underneath, glabrous above. Peduncles longer than the leaves, bearing in their upper half a spike of pale pink flowers, at first closely packed, but lengthening out as the flowering advances. Calyx-teeth long and slender. Wings of the corolla shorter than the keel and standard. Pod twice as long as the calyx, the upper edge nearly straight, the lower semicircular, bordered with short teeth, sometimes prickly, the flat surface marked with raised veins.

In limestone districts, in central and southern Europe, and temperate Asia; much cultivated for forage, and occasionally naturalized further northward. In Britain, believed to be truly indigenous in southern and eastern England, but not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. early summer.*

XVII. **VETCH.** VICIA.

Herbs, with weak stems, often slightly climbing, half-sagittate stipules, and pinnate leaves; the leaflets usually numerous; the common leafstalk ending in a simple or branched tendril, or at least in a small point. Flowers in the axils of the leaves, solitary, clustered, or in peduncular racemes, blue, purplish, white, or pale yellow. Petals usually rather narrow. Upper stamen quite free, or connected with the others, at least, in the middle. Style cylindrical or slightly flattened, with a tuft of hairs below the stigma on the outer side, or shortly downy all round under the stigma, or rarely quite glabrous. Pod more or less flattened, opening in two valves, with several, or rarely only two seeds, either globular or slightly flattened.

A numerous genus, widely spread over nearly the whole globe, but most abundant in temperate regions; in the tropics almost confined to mountain districts, and unknown in Australia. The tendrils distinguish it from all our Leguminous plants, except the following genus, *Pea*, from which it is absolutely separated chiefly by the style; but also in all our species, except the *Bithynian V.*, the more numerous and smaller leaflets, and the general

shape of the flowers, give it a peculiar aspect easily recognized. The staminal tube is usually much more oblique at the top than in *Peas*.

Leaflets above an inch long, 1 or 2 pairs to each leaf . . . . . 10. *Bithynian V.*
Leaflets more than 2 pairs to each leaf, usually small.
Peduncles elongated (at least half as long as the leaf).
Flowers few and small, on slender peduncles. Pod scarcely 6 lines long.
Plant glabrous or nearly so. Pod with 4 to 6 seeds . . . . 2. *Slender V.*
Plant hairy. Pod with 2 seeds . . . . . 1. *Hairy V.*
Flowers at least 6 lines long. Pod an inch or more.
Leafstalks ending in a short point. Racemes short and close.
Plant quite glabrous, drying black. Stipules quite entire . . *Black Pea.*
Plant slightly hairy. Stipules usually toothed . . . . . 5. *Upright V.*
Leafstalks ending in a tendril. Racemes long.
Flowers white, with purplish veins. Stipules deeply divided at the base . . . . . 4. *Wood V.*
Flowers of a rich purple-blue. Stipules mostly entire . . . 3. *Tufted V.*
Peduncles not longer than the calyx, or flowers quite sessile.
Flowers pale yellow. Pod hairy . . . . . 7. *Yellow V.*
Flowers purple, blue or red. Pod glabrous.
Flowers 3 or 4 together, shortly stalked . . . . . 6. *Bush V.*
Flowers sessile, solitary or rarely two together.
Flowers large. Seeds smooth . . . . . 8. *Common V.*
Flowers small. Seeds granulated . . . . . 9. *Spring V.*

1. **Hairy Vetch. Vicia hirsuta,** Koch.

(*Ervum*, Eng. Bot. t. 970.)

A more or less hairy annual, with slender, weak stems, 1 to 3 feet long, often climbing by means of the branched tendrils. Stipules small, narrow, often divided. Leaflets small, oblong, 6 to 8 pairs to each leaf. Peduncles slender, with very few, usually 2 or 3, insignificant, pale blue flowers, the fine teeth of the calyx almost as long as the standard. Style glabrous. Pod nearly 6 lines long, flat and hairy, containing two slightly compressed seeds, with a long, linear hilum.

In hedges, cornfields, and waste places, common in Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle. Extends all over Britain, but said to be rare in the Highlands of Scotland. *Fl. the whole summer.*

2. **Slender Vetch. Vicia tetrasperma,** Mœnch.

(*Ervum*, Eng. Bot. t. 1223.)

A slender annual, glabrous or nearly so, the weak stems often climbing, from 6 inches to near 2 feet long. Leaflets narrow, the lower ones obtuse, 3 to 6 pairs in each leaf, the tendrils simple or branched. Peduncles slender, with 1 to 6 or 7 pale bluish flowers, longer than in the *hairy V.*, but much smaller than in any other British *Vetch*, seldom exceeding 3 lines. Calyx-teeth much shorter than the standard. Pod flat, not above 6 lines long, usually containing about 4 seeds, but sometimes 5 or 6.

In fields, hedges, and waste places, all over temperate Europe and Russian Asia. Not uncommon in England, more rare in Scotland and Ireland. *Fl. the whole summer.* A variety with more pointed leaflets, and with the number of seeds more frequently 5 or 6, has been distinguished under the name of *V. gracilis* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2904).

3. **Tufted Vetch. Vicia Cracca,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1168.)

Rootstock perennial, the annual stems weak, and climbing by means of

the branched tendrils, to the length of 2 or 3 feet or rather more; the whole plant hairy, or nearly glabrous. Stipules narrow and entire. Leaflets numerous, oblong or linear, the largest 8 or 9 lines long. Flowers numerous, in one-sided racemes, on peduncles rather longer than the leaves, of a fine bluish-purple, each one about 5 lines long. Style hairy all round below the stigma. Pod flattened, glabrous, about an inch long, with 6 or 8 seeds.

In hedges and bushy places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle, and in northern America. Common in Britain. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Wood Vetch. Vicia sylvatica,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 79.)

A handsome, usually glabrous species, climbing over shrubs and small trees, sometimes to the length of 6 or 8 feet. Stipules deeply divided at their base. Leaflets fewer and broader than in the *tufted V.*, usually 8 or 10 pairs to each leaf, oblong, or the lower ones ovate, obtuse or notched at the top. Flowers considerably longer than in the *tufted V.*, white with bluish streaks, loosely drooping in long racemes. Pod glabrous, broad, an inch long, with 4 to 6 seeds.

In open woods and bushy places, in the hilly, and especially the northern districts, of Europe and Russian Asia to the Arctic Circle, and in the mountains of southern Europe and central Asia. Not uncommon in Scotland, and occurs in most hilly, wooded districts of England and Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

5. **Upright Vetch. Vicia Orobus,** DC.

(*Orobus sylvaticus*, Eng. Bot. t. 518.)

A slightly hairy branching perennial, with a somewhat creeping root-stock; the stems more erect than in the other *Vetches*, and the tendrils all reduced to a fine point terminating the leafstalk, or in the upper leaves replaced by a terminal leaflet, as in the *black Pea*, but the plant does not usually dry black, as in that species, and the style is that of the *tufted Vetch*. Stipules broader than in the last two species, and slightly toothed. Leaflets 8 to 10 pairs to each leaf, narrow-oblong, with a fine point. Peduncles about the length of the leaf, with a close raceme of 6 to 10 rather large flowers of a purplish white. Pods flattened, about an inch long, with 3 or 4 seeds or rarely more.

In mountain pastures and woods, in western Europe, from the Pyrenees to southern Norway, reappearing eastward in Bavaria and Transylvania. In Britain, spread over Wales, northern England, and a great part of Scotland, more rare in Ireland. *Fl. early summer.*

6. **Bush Vetch. Vicia sepium,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1515.)

A slightly hairy perennial; the stems 1 to 2 feet high, weak and straggling, but scarcely climbing. Stipules small and entire, or larger and toothed. Leaflets 4 to 6 pairs in each leaf, ovate or oblong; the leaf-stalk ending in a tendril, usually branched. Flowers smaller than in the *common V.*, of a light reddish-purple, 2 to 4 together in the axils of the upper leaves, drooping from short pedicels, and forming a sessile cluster or a very short raceme. Style with a dense tuft of hairs under the stigma on the outer

side, with a few short hairs on the opposite side. Pod glabrous, about an inch long. Seeds few, half encircled by the long, linear hilum.

In woods and shady places, and hedges, extending over Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle. Common in Britain. *Fl. all summer.*

7. **Yellow Vetch. Vicia lutea,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 481.)

A glabrous or slightly hairy annual, said however by some to form a perennial rootstock; the stems spreading, branched, usually low, but sometimes ascending to a foot or more. Stipules, foliage, and solitary flowers of the *common V.*, but the corolla is of a pale yellow, and the rather broad pods are reflexed, and covered with long hairs. Seeds few, with a short hilum.

In dry, stony, waste or cultivated places, in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, not extending into northern Germany. In Britain, chiefly near the sea in southern England, and again on the rocky coasts of eastern Scotland, probably introduced with ballast. Not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. early summer.*

8. **Common Vetch. Vicia sativa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 334. *V. lævigata,* Eng. Bot. t. 483.)

An annual or biennial, glabrous or hairy; the stems short and spreading, or nearly erect, or almost climbing, 1 to 2 feet high. Stipules toothed, and usually marked by a dark spot in the centre. Leaflets usually 4 to 7 to each leaf, varying from obcordate or obovate to narrow-linear, the tendrils usually branched. Flowers sessile and solitary, or rarely two together in the axils of the leaves, usually large, of a reddish or bluish purple. Pod glabrous, 1 to 2 inches long, rather narrow, with 10 to 12 smooth, globular seeds.

In dry pastures, open woods, and waste places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, and having been long cultivated for forage, is now widely spread over the temperate regions of the globe. *Fl. spring and early summer.* In the cultivated state the stems are 1 to 2 feet high, the leaflets usually broad, and the flowers large; in the more common wild form, often distinguished as a species, under the name of *V. angustifolia* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2614), the leaflets are narrower, and flowers rather smaller; and the low spreading variety, published as *V. Bobartii* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2708), is only to be distinguished from the *spring V.* by the smooth seeds, and somewhat larger flowers and pods.

9. **Spring Vetch. Vicia lathyroides,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 30.)

A low spreading annual or biennial, glabrous or nearly so; the stems branching at the base, seldom 6 inches long; the foliage, solitary flower, and general appearance those of the smaller specimens of the *common V.*; the flowers are however smaller, usually of a richer purple, the calyx less decidedly oblique at the base, and the pod seldom an inch long. The seeds are also rough with raised dots, a distinction believed to be constant.

In dry pastures, open woods, banks, etc., over the whole of Europe, except the extreme north, extending eastward to the Caucasus. Not uncommon in England, Ireland, and the greater part of Scotland. *Fl. spring.*

10. **Bithynian Vetch. Vicia bithynica,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1842.)

A glabrous or slightly downy annual, with weak angular stems, 1 to 2 feet long. Leaves more like those of a *Pea* than of a *Vetch*, having usually only two pairs of leaflets, obovate in the lowest leaves, oblong or lanceolate and above an inch long in tho others, the tendrils branched. Stipules rather broad and toothed. Flowers solitary or two together, on peduneles sometimes very short, sometimes half as long as the leaves, rather large, of a bluish purple with very pale wings, and shaped like those of the *common V.* Style with a tuft of hairs under the stigma on the outer side. Pod 1 to 1½ inches long, about 4 lines broad, usually more or less hairy. Seeds 4 to 6.

In bushy or stony waste places, chiefly near the sea, but spreading inland as a cornfield weed, in southern Europe to the Caucasus, extending up western France to Bordeaux, and reappearing in the south-western counties of England. *Fl. summer.*

XVIII. **PEA.** LATHYRUS.

Herbs, with weak stems, sometimes climbing, and half-sagittate or sagittate stipules; the leaves usually pinnate, with few leaflets larger than in the *Vetches*, the common leafstalk ending in a simple or branched tendril or in a small point, the leaflets sometimes wanting. Flowers solitary or in racemes, on axillary peduneles, purple, red, white, or bright yellow. Petals usually broad, especially the standard. Upper stamen free, or more frequently connected with the others, at least in the middle. Style flattened below the stigma, quite glabrous on the outer side, but more or less downy on the inner face for some way below the stigma. Pod cylindrical or flattened. Seeds several, usually globular or angular.

A considerable genus, with the wide geographical range of the *Vetches*, differing from them chiefly by the style, and, in most cases, by the fewer and longer leaflets and broader petals. The calyx is usually more oblique, the upper teeth shorter than the lower ones. Several species are very apt to dry black, which is seldom the case with the *Vetches*.

Leafstalks without real leaflets.
- Stipules large and leaf-like. Leafstalk a mere tendril. Flowers yellow . . . . . 2. *Yellow P.*
- Stipules none. Leafstalk flattened, resembling a grass-leaf. Flowers pale red . . . . . 1. *Grass P.*

Leaves with one pair of leaflets.
- Annual, with small red flowers. Pods hairy . . . . . 3. *Rough P.*
- Perennial, with large red or purplish flowers. Pods glabrous . . 5. *Everlasting P.*
- Perennial, with yellow flowers. Pods glabrous . . . . . 4. *Meadow P.*

Leaves with two or more pairs of leaflets.
- Stipules deeply divided . . . . . *Bithynian Vetch.*
- Stipules entire.
  - Leafstalk ending in a simple or branched tendril.
    - Leaflets lanceolate. Stipules narrow, half-sagittate . . . . 6. *Marsh P.*
    - Leaflets ovate or elliptical. Stipules large, broadly ovate, sagittate . . . . . 7. *Sea P.*
  - Leafstalk ending in a short fine point.
    - Leaflets 2 or 3 pairs, rarely 4 pairs, lanceolate or linear . . 8. *Tuberous P.*
    - Leaflets 5 or 6 pairs, rarely 4 pairs, ovate . . . . . 9. *Black P.*

The Sicilian *sweet Pea*, the *Tangiers Pea*, the South American *Anson's Pea*, and some other exotic species, are cultivated in our flower-gardens. The *Pea* of our kitchen-gardens and fields is usually distinguished as a genus,

under the name of *Pisum*, but upon characters which are hardly sufficient for the separation of a solitary species.

1. **Grass Pea. Lathyrus Nissolia,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 112. *Vetchling. Grass Vetch.*)

An erect, glabrous annual, branching from the base, about a foot high. Leaves all reduced to a long, linear, grass-like, flattened leafstalk, ending in a fine point, without leaflets or stipules. Peduncles long, bearing immediately below their summit 1 or rarely 2 small pale red flowers. Pod long, narrow, and straight.

In bushy places, grassy borders of fields, and stony pastures, in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, but not extending into northern Germany. In Britain, spread over central and southern England, but rare, and not known in Ireland or Scotland. *Fl. early summer.*

2. **Yellow Pea. Lathyrus Aphaca,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1167. *Yellow Vetchling.*)

A weak, branching, glabrous annual, about a foot long, without real leaflets, but the two large, broadly heart-shaped, or sagittate stipules, assume the appearance of simple opposite leaves, with a slender branching tendril between them. Peduncles long and slender, with 1 or rarely 2 small yellow flowers. Pod rather more than an inch long, flattened, glabrous, containing 4 to 8 seeds.

In waste and cultivated places, in central and southern Europe and central Asia, spreading northwards as a cornfield weed, and, as such, appearing occasionally in the southern counties of England. *Fl. early summer.*

3. **Rough Pea. Lathyrus hirsutus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1255.)

A weak annual, much branched at the base, a foot long or more, with the young shoots slightly hairy. Stipules narrow. Tendrils branched, with a single pair of linear-lanceolate leaflets. Peduncles long, with 1 or 2 rather small flowers. The standard bright red, the keel and wings paler. Pod hairy.

In cultivated and waste places, in southern Europe to the Caucasus, spreading northwards as a cornfield weed, and as such has been found in Essex and in Somersetshire. *Fl. early summer.*

4. **Meadow Pea. Lathyrus pratensis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 670.)

A weak, much branched, glabrous perennial, straggling or half climbing to the length of 1 to 2 feet or rather more. Stipules large, broadly lanceolate, and sagittate. Tendrils branched, with one pair of narrow-lanceolate or linear leaflets. Peduncles elongated, with a short raceme of 6 to 10 or rarely more yellow flowers. Pod glabrous.

In moist meadows and pastures, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. all summer.*

5. **Everlasting Pea. Lathyrus sylvestris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 805.)

A glabrous perennial, with a creeping rootstock, and straggling or climb-

ing stems, attaining 3 to 5 or even 6 feet, the angles expanded into narrow green wings. Leafstalks also flattened or winged, ending in a branched tendril, and bearing a single pair of long lanceolate leaflets. Stipules narrow. Peduncles 6 inches long or more, bearing a loose raceme of rather large flowers of a pale reddish-purple; the standard very broad, with a green spot on the back, and the keel also partially green. Pod 2 or 3 inches long or even more. Seeds numerous, slightly flattened.

In hedges, thickets, and bushy or rocky places, scattered over the greater part of Europe except the extreme north, but chiefly abundant in the south. Occurs in many localities in England, but probably not indigenous in Scotland, and not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. summer, often lasting late.* The *everlasting Pea* of our gardens is a broad-leaved variety from southern Europe, with larger, more richly coloured flowers, and some slight difference in the seeds. It has been distinguished as a species, under the name of *L. latifolius* (Eng. Bot. t. 1108), and, escaping from cultivation, will often establish itself in the vicinity of gardens.

6. **Marsh Pea. Lathyrus palustris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 169.)

A glabrous, somewhat climbing perennial, not half the size of the *everlasting P.*, and the wings of the stem much narrower. Stipules half-sagittate. Leaflets oblong-lanceolate, 2 to 4 pairs to each leaf, the tendril usually branched. Flowers smaller and not so broad as in the *everlasting P.*, of a bluish-purple colour, from 2 to 8 in the raceme. Pod glabrous, rather more than an inch long.

In moist meadows and boggy places, in northern and central Europe, Russian Asia, and northern America. Dispersed over a few localities in England, but only a very doubtful inhabitant of Scotland or Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

7. **Sea Pea. Lathyrus maritimus,** Bigel.

(*Pisum*, Eng. Bot. t. 1046.)

A glabrous, rather stout, branching perennial, with a creeping rootstock, and sharply angular spreading stems about a foot long. Stipules broad and leaf-like, sagittate at the base, both sides nearly alike. Leaflets 5 or 6 pairs to each leaf, those next the stem often 2 inches long by 1 broad, the tendril simple or branched. Peduncles about the length of the leaves, with a raceme of 6 to 8 large flowers of a bluish purple. Pod hairy, at least when young, 1 to 2 inches long.

On gravelly seacoasts, in northern and Arctic Europe, Asia, and America, not extending southwards in Europe beyond the shores of Picardy. Occurs in a few localities on the coasts of southern and eastern England, of Shetland, and of Kerry in Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

8. **Tuberous Pea. Lathyrus macrorrhizus,** Wimm.

(*Orobus tuberosus*, Eng. Bot. t. 1153.)

Rootstock perennial, forming small tubers; the annual stems glabrous, nearly erect, simple or nearly so, 6 inches to a foot high. Leaves without tendrils; the leafstalk ending in a fine point, or sometimes in a narrow leaflet; the leaflets usually 2 pairs, sometimes 3 or even 4 pairs, oblong-lanceolate or linear. Peduncles slender, bearing a loose raceme of 2 to 4 flowers of a bright reddish-purple. Pod glabrous, about 1½ inches long. The whole plant dries black like the following species.

In thickets and open woods, under hedges, etc., throughout Europe, except the extreme north. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. spring and early summer.* This and the *black P.* form part of the old genus *Orobus*, still kept up by many botanists, but only differing from *Pea* by the want of tendrils to the leaves.

9. **Black Pea. Lathyrus niger,** Wimm.

(*Orobus*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2788.)

A glabrous perennial, always turning black in drying; the rootstock short and not tuberous; the stems erect or ascending, branched, 1 to 2 feet high or even more. Stipules small and narrow. Leaflets 4 to 6 pairs to each leaf, ovate or elliptical, 6 lines to an inch long, the common stalk ending in a short point. Peduncles longer than the leaves, with a short raceme of 6 to 8 flowers. Pod glabrous, near 2 inches long.

In mountainous and rocky districts, throughout temperate Europe to the Caucasus, extending far into Scandinavia. In Britain, only known from two localities, in Perth and Forfar. *Fl. summer.*

XXV. THE ROSE FAMILY. ROSACEÆ.

Herbs, shrubs, or trees, with alternate leaves, mostly toothed or divided, the stipules seldom wanting and often leaf-like. Flowers in cymes, or solitary at the ends of the year's shoots, or more rarely in lateral bunches or racemes. Sepals 4 or 5, united at the base into a lobed calyx, either enclosing the ovary or adhering to it, or rarely quite free from it. Petals 4 or 5 or rarely none. Stamens usually indefinite in number, inserted with the petals on the calyx below its lobes. Ovary of 1, 2, or more carpels, usually distinct at the time of flowering, but sometimes combined even then into a single 5-celled ovary, which is then always inferior or combined with the calyx. As the fruit enlarges, the carpels either remain free or are variously combined with each other or with the calyx. Seeds 1 or 2 (or in *Spiræa* 3 or 4) in each carpel. Embryo with large cotyledons and no albumen.

A numerous family, widely spread over the globe, but more in the temperate and cooler parts of the northern hemisphere than within the tropics. The indefinite stamens inserted on the calyx are sufficient to distinguish the greater number of the genera from all other British plants. In the few cases where the stamens are apparently definite, there are no petals, but they then differ widely from all other apetalous genera by their stipules and divided leaves, as well as by the structure of the ovary.

1 { Ovary or ovaries superior or free from the calyx, though sometimes enclosed in it 2
  { Ovary or ovaries inferior or adhering to the calyx-tube, which is closed over them 14

2 { A single ovary 3
  { Several ovaries 4

3 { Trees, with a deciduous calyx and succulent fruit . . . . . 1. PRUNUS.
  { Herbs, with the calyx persisting round the dry seed-vessel 4

4 { No petals. (Herbs.) 5
  { Four, five, or more petals. (Herbs or shrubs.) 8
5 { Leaves palmately lobed or digitate. Flowers in loose panicles or cymes 6
  { Leaves pinnate. Flowers in heads 7
6 { Calyx single, 4-lobed . . . . . 9. ALCHEMIL.
  { Calyx double, 5 large and 5 small lobes . . . . . 8. SIBBALDIA.
7 { Heads purplish. Flowers hermaphrodite, with 4 stamens . . . 10. SANGUISORB.
  { Heads green. Flowers dioecious, the males with numerous stamens. 11. POTERIUM.
8 { Calyx-tube short and nearly flat, not enclosing the carpels 9
  { Calyx-tube closing over the carpels or seeds 14
9 { Calyx single 10
  { Calyx double, having as many external bracts as divisions, and alternating with them 12
10 { Calyx-segments 5 11
   { Calyx-segments about eight. Carpels dry and distinct when ripe . . . 3. DRYAS.
11 { Carpels dry, opening when ripe . . . . . 2. SPIRÆA.
   { Carpels succulent, forming a kind of granulated berry . . . . . 5. RUBUS.
12 { Carpels dry, ending in a long jointed awn . . . . . 4. AVENS.
   { Carpels without awns, small and seed-like 13
13 { Carpels few, on a minute dry receptacle . . . . . 8. SIBBALDIA.
   { Carpels numerous, on a small, flat, dry receptacle . . . . . 7. POTENTIL.
   { Carpels numerous, on a large, succulent receptacle . . . . . 6. STRAWBERRY.
14 { Trees or shrubs. Calyx-tube fleshy. Fruit succulent or fleshy 15
   { Herbs. Calyx-tube dry, small, with hooked bristles forming a burr 12. AGRIMONY.
15 { Fruit enclosing from 1 to 5 cells or hard nuts, arranged round the central axis, and each with 1 or 2 seeds . . . . . 14. PYRUS.
   { Fruit enclosing several hairy, seed-like carpels irregularly placed . . . 13. ROSE.

These Genera are usually distributed into three Tribes, considered by some botanists as distinct Orders, viz. :—

1. AMYGDALEÆ. Calyx deciduous. Carpels 1, free. *Genus* :—1. PRUNUS.
2. ROSEÆ. Calyx persistent. Carpels 1 or more, free (but sometimes included in the closed calyx). *Genera* :—2. SPIRÆA; 3. DRYAS; 4. AVENS; 5. RUBUS; 6. STRAWBERRY; 7. POTENTIL; 8. SIBBALDIA; 9. ALCHEMIL; 10. SANGUISORB; 11. POTERIUM; 12. AGRIMONY; 13. ROSE.
3. POMACEÆ. Calyx persistent, adherent to the ovary, the carpels of which are united, at least in the ripe fruit. *Genera* :—14. PYRUS; 15. HAWTHORN; 16. COTONEASTER; 17. MEDLAR.

The double-flowering *Kerria japonica*, so frequently to be met with trained upon cottage garden-walls, formerly supposed to be a species of *Corchorus*, is now known to belong to the *Rose* family.

I. **PRUNUS.** PRUNUS.

Shrubs or trees, with undivided, toothed leaves, and small, free stipules, often scarcely visible; the flowers either in small bunches on a former year's wood, or in racemes in the axils of young leaves. Calyx free, 5-lobed. Petals 5. Stamens numerous. Ovary of 1 carpel, containing 2 pendulous ovules. Fruit a fleshy or juicy drupe, with a hard stone, smooth or rugged, but not wrinkled on the surface, containing 1, or rarely 2 seeds.

A considerable genus, distributed over the whole of the northern hemisphere, and even abundant within the tropics, both in the new and the old world, but not extending into the south temperate zone. It is the only British genus with a stone fruit.

Flowers in axillary racemes . . . . . 3. *Birdcherry P.*
Flowers solitary or clustered, from leafless buds.
  Flowers single or two together, on short pedicels . . . . . 1. *Blackthorn P.*
  Flowers in clusters, on pedicels longer than the flower itself . . . 2. *Cherry P.*

The well-known *common Laurel* and *Portugal Laurel* of our gardeners, are species of *Prunus* (*P. Lauro-cerasus* and *P. lusitanicus*), and have no

affinity with the true Laurel of the ancients, which is our *Bay-tree* (*Laurus nobilis*). The *Mahaleb* (*P. Mahaleb*) and the *P. semperflorens*, both from the continent of Europe, are also frequently to be met with in our shrubberies. The *Apricot* is another *Prunus* (*P. armeniaca*); the *Almond*, the *Peach*, and the *Nectarine*, belong to the genus *Amygdalus*, only differing from *Prunus* in the wrinkled surface of the stone.

1. **Blackthorn Prunus. Prunus communis,** Huds.

(*P. spinosa*, Eng. Bot. t. 842, and *P. insititia*, Eng. Bot. t. 841. *Blackthorn* or *Sloe.*)

In the common, truly wild state, this is a much branched shrub, the smaller branches often ending in a stout thorn. Leaves ovate or oblong, stalked, and finely toothed, usually glabrous, but occasionally, especially the under sides as well as the young shoots, more or less downy. Flowers small, white, nearly sessile, solitary or in pairs, appearing before the leaves. Fruit small, globular or shortly ovoid, nearly black, with a bluish bloom.

In hedges, thickets, and open woods, common in Europe and in Russian and central Asia. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. early spring.* A variety of a somewhat taller growth, and less thorny, with the leaves rather more downy, and the fruit rather more oblong and less acrid, has been distinguished under the name of *P. insititia.* It is more abundant and more marked in south-eastern Europe and central Asia than with us. The *Bullace*, the *Damson*, and the numerous varieties of *Plum*, of our gardens, although growing into thornless trees, are believed to be varieties of the *Blackthorn*, produced by long cultivation; they will occasionally sow themselves, and may be found apparently wild in the neighbourhood of gardens and orchards, retaining their arborescent character. Some botanists distinguish these varieties as a species, under the name of *P. domestica* (Eng. Bot. t. 1783).

2. **Cherry Prunus. Prunus Cerasus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 706, and Suppl. t. 2863.)

The *Cherry*, when wild, is often a mere shrub of 6 or 8 feet, throwing out suckers from its creeping roots, or rhizomes; but in cultivation, and often, also, in a really wild state, it will form a tree of considerable size. Stipules narrow, often toothed and glandular, but very deciduous. Leaves ovate or ovate-lanceolate, and toothed, 2 to 4 inches long, usually with 1 or 2 glands at the top of the stalk or on the edge of the blade, near the base; but they are sometimes wanting on the same specimen. Flowers white, on pedicels from 1 to 2 inches long, in bunches of 2, 3, or more, issuing together from leafless buds, surrounded by brown scales, of which the inner ones often become green and leaf-like at the tips. Fruit globular and smooth, red or black, usually without bloom.

In woods, thickets, and hedgerows, in central and southern Europe and temperate Asia, extending northwards into Scandinavia, but has been in so many places introduced by cultivation, that its precise limits can scarcely be fixed. Generally dispersed over England, Ireland, and southern Scotland, but in many cases not truly indigenous. *Fl. spring.* There are several more or less permanent varieties in cultivation, which are variously distributed by different botanists into several species, of which the *P. avium*, for the tree variety, without suckers, and *P. Cerasus* for the shrubby form,

are generally adopted; but none of the characters given appear to be constant in a wild state.

3. **Birdcherry Prunus. Prunus Padus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1383.)

A shrub of 6 or 8 feet, or sometimes a small tree, always glabrous. Leaves oval or ovate-lanceolate, finely toothed, and slightly cordate at the base. Flowers white, rather small, in loose, often drooping racemes of 2 or 3 to near 6 inches, on short, leafy, or rarely leafless branches, on the last year's wood. Fruit small, nearly globular, black and bitter, with a rugged stone.

In woods, thickets, and hedges, in northern and central Europe and Asia, from the Arctic regions to the Caucasus and Himalaya, but disappearing in south-western Europe. Scattered over various parts of Britain, but absent or rare in southern England, and a great part of Ireland. *Fl. spring.*

II. **SPIRÆA.** SPIRÆA.

Herbs, with pinnate leaves, or, in exotic species, shrubs, showing much diversity in foliage. Flowers usually small and numerous, in elegant terminal cymes or panicles. Calyx free, 5-lobed. Petals 5. Stamens numerous. Carpels 3 or more, usually 5, quite free from the calyx, forming as many dry capsules, opening, when ripe, along the inner edge, and containing 2 or more seeds.

A considerable genus, spread over the northern hemisphere both in the new and the old world, but scarcely penetrating into the tropics. It is easily recognized by its dehiscent, capsular carpels, and among British *Rosaceæ*, by the numerous small flowers.

Leaves with few large segments, white underneath . . . . . 1. *Meadow S.*
Leaves with numerous small segments, deeply toothed . . . . . 2. *Common S.*

Several North American and Asiatic shrubby species of *Spiræa* are cultivated in our shrubberies and flower-gardens, and among them the *Willow S.* (*S. salicifolia*, Eng. Bot. t. 1468), with simple oblong or lanceolate leaves, and small crowded panicles of pink flowers, has been admitted into our Floras as occurring in several parts of northern England and southern Scotland, but apparently only where it had been planted. It is a native of eastern Europe and Russian Asia.

1. **Meadow Spiræa. Spiræa Ulmaria,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 960. *Meadow-sweet.*)

Stock perennial, with erect, rather stout, annual stems, 2 or 3 feet high, usually glabrous and reddish. Leaves large, pinnate, with 5 to 9 ovate or broadly lanceolate segments often 2 or 3 inches long, irregularly toothed, green above, soft and whitish underneath, the terminal one deeply divided into three; besides which are several smaller segments along the common stalk. Stipules broad and toothed. Flowers small, of a yellowish white, sweet-scented, and very numerous, in compound corymbose cymes at the summit of the stems. Capsules 5 to about 8, very small, and more or less spirally twisted.

In meadows, on the banks of ponds and ditches, etc., throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Common in Britain. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Common Spiræa. Spiræa Filipendula,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 284. *Dropwort.*)

Stock perennial, the fibrous roots swollen here and there into oblong tubers. Stems erect, 1 to 2 feet high. Leaves chiefly radical or in the lower part of the stem, 3 to 5 inches long, with numerous (above 20) small, oval, oblong or lanceolate segments, deeply toothed or pinnately lobed, gradually smaller as they near the stem, green and glabrous, or slightly downy. Stipules broad, adhering to the leafstalk nearly their whole length. Flowers like those of the *meadow S.*, but rather larger, and often tipped with red. Carpels 6 to 12, not twisted.

In meadows, pastures, and open woods, generally dispersed over Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Rather frequent in England, extending into southern Scotland, but not recorded in the Irish Flora. *Fl. summer.*

III. **DRYAS.** DRYAS.

Tufted or creeping perennials, with undivided leaves and rather large white flowers, growing singly on long peduncles. Calyx free, 8- to 10-lobed. Petals 8 to 10, or rarely fewer. Carpels numerous, crowded on the receptacle, 1-seeded and indehiscent, ending when ripe in long feathery awns or tails, which are not jointed.

The genus consists of but two, or perhaps three species, confined to the high mountains or Arctic regions of Europe, Asia, and North America.

1. **White Dryas. Dryas octopetala,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 451. *D. depressa*, Bab. Man.)

Stems short, much branched, prostrate or creeping, forming with their crowded foliage dense spreading tufts. Leaves but little more than 6 lines long, oblong, deeply and regularly crenate, green, glabrous, and almost shining above, white and downy underneath. Peduncles erect, 2 or 3 inches long. Segments of the calyx usually 8, rather shorter than the petals. Feathered awn of the carpels above an inch long.

General geographical range nearly the same as that of the genus. In Britain, not uncommon in the limestone mountain districts of northern England and Ireland, but particularly abundant in the north of Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

IV. **AVENS.** GEUM.

Herbs, with a short perennial, sometimes slightly creeping, stock, and annual, erect stems. Leaves pinnate, with few and very unequal distinct segments, and yellow or red or white flowers growing singly on long peduncles at the ends of the stem or branches. Calyx of 5 equal divisions, with 5 very small outer ones alternating with them. Petals 5. Stamens numerous. Carpels numerous, 1-seeded, indehiscent, ending in a hairy point or awn, which is hooked at the tip.

A genus of several species, widely diffused over the temperate and colder regions of Europe, Asia, and North America, and descending along the Andes to extra-tropical South America.

1. **Common Avens. Geum urbanum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1400. *Herb-Bennet.*)

Stems erect, slightly branched, 1 to 2 feet high, nearly glabrous. Stipules large and leaf-like, the upper ones sometimes above an inch long, and broad, and coarsely toothed or lobed. Leaves thin, light green, the lower ones with several large segments intermixed with small ones, the upper ones usually with only 3 large segments, or a single one divided into 3, and sometimes 2 or 3 small ones along the stalk, all coarsely toothed. Flowers yellow, with small spreading petals. Carpels in a close, sessile head, covered with silky hairs ; the awn about 3 lines long, curved downwards, with a minute hook at the tip.

Under hedges, on roadsides, banks, and margins of woods, common in the greater part of Europe and Russian and central Asia, but not a high northern plant, and only as an introduced plant in North America. Abundant in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland, but apparently becoming scarce towards the north.

2. **Water Avens. Geum rivale,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 106.)

Rootstock often shortly creeping. Stems erect or ascending, usually simple, shorter than in the *common A.* Leaves mostly radical, with one large, orbicular, terminal segment, coarsely toothed or lobed, or sometimes divided into 3, and a few very small segments lower down the stalk, all more hairy than in the *common A.* Flowers few, drooping, much larger than in the *common A.;* the petals less spreading, of a dull purplish colour, with a tint of orange. Carpels very hairy, in a globular head, which is shortly stalked above the calyx.

In marshes and wet ditches, in Europe, Russian Asia, and northern America, extending into the Arctic regions, and almost confined to mountainous districts in southern Europe. Common in northern England, Scotland, and Ireland, but rare in southern England. *Fl. summer.* Where this and the *common A.* grow together, specimens are occasionally found which partake of the characters of both, approaching sometimes more nearly to the one, sometimes to the other. They have been described as a species under the name of *G. intermedium*, but they are more generally believed to be mere accidental hybrids between the two species.

V. **RUBUS.** RUBUS.

Herbs, with a perennial stock, or more frequently weak, scrambling, prickly shrubs ; the leaves pinnately or palmately divided into distinct segments or leaflets, or rarely simply lobed. Calyx free, 5-lobed. Petals 5. Stamens numerous. Fruit a kind of granulated berry, formed by the union of numerous 1-seeded succulent carpels round the conical or shortly oblong, dry receptacle.

A large genus, widely distributed over almost every part of the globe. The fruit, analogous in some respects to that of a *Mulberry,* is sufficient to

distinguish it at once from all other *Rosaceæ*. In the *Mulberry* however each granule is formed by a separate flower, whilst in *Rubus* the whole fruit proceeds from a single one. From the *Strawberry* it differs in that the carpels are succulent on a dry receptacle, whilst in the *Strawberry* the carpels are dry, and the receptacle succulent.

Flowering stems biennial or perennial, woody at least at the base, 2 or more feet long. Stipules subulate.
Lower leaves pinnate, with 5 leaflets. Rootstock creeping . . . 1. *Raspberry R.*
Leaves of 3 leaflets, or, if of 5, the 4 lower proceed from the same point.
Branches slender, glaucous. Fruit covered with bluish bloom . 3. *Dewberry R.*
Branches not glaucous. Fruit black, without bloom . . . . . 2. *Blackberry R.*
Flowering stems herbaceous, very short, or seldom a foot high. Stipules ovate or lanceolate.
Leaves with 3 leaflets. Flowers small, axillary . . . . . 4. *Stone R.*
Leaves undivided. Flowers large, terminal, solitary . . . . . 5. *Cloudberry R.*

The *Virginian Raspberry*, often cultivated in shrubberies, is the *R. odoratus* from North America. The *Arctic R.* (*R. arcticus*, Eng. Bot, t. 1585), a low plant, with a creeping rootstock, and short, herbaceous stems, like the *Cloudberry R.*, but with 3 leaflets and pink flowers, has been inserted in our Floras as having been found in the Scotch Highlands, but this appears to be a mistake. At any rate, all recent search for it there has been in vain.

1. **Raspberry Rubus.** **Rubus idæus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2442. *Raspberry.*)

Rootstock perennial and creeping; the flowering stems biennial, nearly erect, 3 or 4 feet high, more or less downy, and armed with weak prickles. Stipules small, subulate, often inserted some way up the leafstalk. Leaves pinnate; leaflets 5 in the lower leaves, often 3 only in the upper ones, ovate or oblong, pointed, coarsely toothed, of a light green above and whitish underneath. Flowers white, in long panicles at the ends of the short branches. Petals narrow and short. Fruit red, sometimes white in cultivation, usually separating from the receptacle when ripe.

In woods throughout Europe and Russian Asia. Generally distributed over Britain, but perhaps in some localities escaped from cultivation. *Fl. spring or early summer.*

2. **Blackberry Rubus.** **Rubus fruticosus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 715, 827, 2572, and Suppl. t. 2604, 2605, 2625, 2631, 2664, and 2714. *Bramble. Blackberry*).

Rootstock perennial, without underground creeping shoots; the flowering stems biennial, or of few years' duration, sometimes nearly erect, but more frequently arched, straggling or prostrate, often rooting, and forming fresh plants at the extremity, usually armed with prickles, either stout and hooked or thin and straight, with stiff hairs, or glandular bristles, or a short down, all variously intermingled or occasionally wanting. Stipules subulate or linear, inserted a short way up the leafstalk. Leaflets rather large, and coarse, either 3 or 5, the 2 or 4 lower ones inserted together at some distance below the terminal one, ovate, toothed, more or less downy, the midribs as well as the stalks usually armed with small hooked prickles. Flowers white or pink, in panicles at the ends of the branches. Fruit black, or very rarely dull-red, not separating readily from the receptacle, the calyx usually turned down under it, seldom closing over it as in the *Dewberry R.*

In hedges, thickets, woods, and waste places, over nearly the whole of

Europe, Russian and central Asia, and northern Africa, but not a high alpine nor an Arctic species. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer, commencing early.* It varies considerably, especially in the prickles and hairs, and in the shape of the leaflets, and from its propagating so readily by its rooting stems, individual variations are often extensively multiplied, and acquire an undue importance in the eyes of local observers. The consequence has been an excessive multiplication of supposed species, both in Britain and on the Continent, although scarcely any two writers will be found to agree in the characters and limits to be assigned to them. Amongst those which have been observed in Britain, the following appear to be the most marked, although even these will very frequently be found to pass imperceptibly one into the other.

a. *Common Blackberry* (R. fruticosus communis). Leaflets covered underneath with a close, white down. Flowers usually numerous. Chiefly in hedges and thickets.

b. *Hazel-leaved B.* (R. f. corylifolius). Leaflets green underneath, usually large and broad. Flowers not so numerous as in the *common B.* In hedges and thickets with the *common B.*, but usually flowering earlier.

c. *Hornbeam-leaved B.* (R. f. carpinifolius). Leaflets green underneath, but not so broad, and more pointed than in the last, the stems more hairy. Flowers not numerous. Chiefly in woods.

d. *Glandular B.* (R. f. glandulosus). Leaflets as in the last variety, or sometimes broader, the stems with numerous stiff, glandular hairs mixed in with the prickles. More frequent in shady woods than in open thickets.

e. *Suberect B.* (R. f. subercctus). Leaflets green, or slightly hoary underneath. Stems shorter, and more erect than in the common forms. Flowers usually few, and the fruit not so black. Occasionally found in wet woods and thickets.*

3. **Dewberry Rubus. Rubus cæsius,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 826. *Dewberry.*)

Very near the *Blackberry R.*, but distinguished by the more slender branches, more or less glaucous when young, spreading, or creeping along the ground, and seldom arched; the flowers few, in small, loose panicles; the divisions of the calyx narrow, with much longer points, closing more or less over the fruit; and especially by the glaucous bloom covering the fruit when ripe. Leaves pale green on both sides. Prickles usually small, with few or no hairs intermingled.

In open fields and stony wastes, seldom penetrating into woods, or climbing up into hedges, extending over Europe and Russian Asia, but not an Arctic plant. Common in Britain. *Fl. summer.* It is believed by some botanists to be as much connected with the *Blackberry* by intermediate forms as some of the above-enumerated varieties of that species are with each other, but generally speaking it is not difficult to distinguish it.

4. **Stone Rubus. Rubus saxatilis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2233.)

The rootstock emits a few creeping runners rooting at the nodes, and erect or ascending simple stems seldom above a foot high, slender and

* For further details see Hooker and Arnott's 'British Flora,' 7th edit., pp. 121 to 130, where the *Blackberry* and *Dewberry* are described as either one, seven, or twenty-one species; or Babington's 'Manual,' 4th edit., p. 96, where thirty-six species are admitted.

downy, with a few small prickles, or sometimes wholly unarmed. Stipules ovate-oblong or lanceolate, scarcely adhering to the leafstalk. Leaflets usually 3, much like those of the *Dewberry R.*, thin, and of a pale green. Flowers on slender pedicels, 2 or 3 together in the axils of the upper leaves, forming very short racemes or corymbs, seldom growing out into short, leafy flowering branches. Petals of a dirty white or greenish yellow, and very narrow. Berries red, with very few rather large carpels.

In open woods, diffused over the mountain regions of Europe and central and Russian Asia; more abundant, and descending to lower elevations in more northern latitudes. Frequent in Scotland, in the north of England, and along the western counties to South Wales; in Ireland, chiefly in the north. *Fl. summer.*

5. **Cloudberry Rubus. Rubus Chamæmorus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 716. *Cloudberry.*)

Rootstock creeping. Stems simple, herbaceous, and unarmed, seldom above 6 inches high. Lower stipules entire, in a short sheath, without leaves; upper ones distinct, small, and ovate. Leaves few, rather large, simple, broadly orbicular or reniform, toothed, and often more or less deeply cut into 5, 7, or 9 broad lobes. Flowers white, rather large, solitary on terminal peduncles. Fruit rather large, of an orange red.

In turfy bogs, in northern Europe, Asia, and America, generally at high latitudes, but descending southwards into northern Germany. Abundant in Scotland, and extends also into northern England, Wales, and Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

VI. **STRAWBERRY.** FRAGARIA.

Habit, foliage, and flowers of *Potentil*, but the fruit is succulent, formed of the enlarged succulent receptacle, studded on the outside with the numerous minute, 1-seeded carpels, looking like seeds.

A genus spread over nearly the whole of the northern hemisphere without the tropics, where it consists, perhaps, but of a single species, and represented again by a nearly allied but possibly distinct species in southern extra-tropical America.

1. **Common Strawberry. Fragaria vesca,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1524, and Suppl. t. 2742. *Strawberry.*)

A short, perennial, tufted stock often emits slender runners, rooting and forming new plants at every node. Leaves mostly radical, more or less clothed with soft, silky hairs, consisting of 3 ovate, toothed leaflets at the end of a long leafstalk. Flower-stems radical, erect, leafless, or with 1 or 2 usually undivided leaves, 3 to 6 inches high or rarely more, bearing a small number of pedicellate white flowers. Fruit usually red.

In woods, bushy pastures, and under hedges, throughout Europe and Russian and central Asia, and in northern America, extending to the Arctic regions. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. nearly the whole season.* The *Hautboy*, a rather taller variety, with fewer runners and flowers, usually entirely or partially unisexual, has been distinguished as a species under the name of *F. elatior* (Eng. Bot. t. 2197); and several other wild or cultivated varieties have been proposed as species, but the great facility with which fertile

cross-breeds are produced, gives reason to suspect that the whole genus, including even the Chilian *Pine Strawberry*, may prove to consist but of one species.

VII. **POTENTIL.** POTENTILLA.

Herbs, with a perennial, tufted stock, and occasionally a creeping root-stock or runners. Flowering stems usually annual, often very short, rarely perennial or partially shrubby. Leaves of 3 or more digitate or pinnate, distinct segments or leaflets. Peduncles 1-flowered, solitary or forming a dichotomous cyme at the ends of the stem. Calyx free, *double*, that is, of twice as many divisions as there are petals, the alternate ones outside the others and usually smaller. Petals 5 or rarely 4. Stamens numerous. Carpels numerous, small, 1-seeded and seed-like, crowded on a receptacle which enlarges but slightly, and rarely becomes spongy, never succulent.

The species are numerous, extending over the whole of the northern hemisphere without the tropics, especially in Europe and Asia, penetrating into the Arctic regions, and descending along the mountain-ranges of America to its southern extremity. The genus, already extended by the admission of *Tormentilla* and *Comarum*, would, perhaps, be still better defined if the *Strawberry* and *Sibbaldia* were likewise included. It would then comprise all *Rosaceæ* with a double calyx, numerous, distinct, 1-seeded carpels, not enclosed in its tube, and the styles not transformed into long, feathery beaks or awns.

Leaves digitately divided.
- Flowers white . . . . . 1. *Strawberry-leaved P.*
- Flowers yellow.
  - Petals 4 in all, or nearly all, the flowers . . . . . 3. *Tormentil P.*
  - Petals 5 in all, or nearly all, the flowers.
    - Leaves very white underneath . . . . . 4. *Hoary P.*
    - Leaves green on both sides.
      - Stems creeping, and rooting at the nodes . . . . . 2. *Creeping P.*
      - Stems short and tufted or procumbent, but not rooting . . . . . 5. *Spring P.*

Leaves pinnately divided.
- Flowers dingy-purple . . . . . 9. *Marsh P.*
- Flowers white . . . . . 8. *Rock P.*
- Flowers yellow.
  - Stem much branched, often shrubby. Leaflets few, oblong 6. *Shrubby P.*
  - Stem creeping. Leaflets numerous, silky underneath . . 7. *Goose P.*

Two red-flowered, East Indian species, with digitate leaves, *P. nepalensis* and *P. atropurpurea*, and several of their hybrids, are frequently to be met with in our gardens.

1. **Strawberry-leaved Potentil.** **Potentilla Fragariastrum,** Ehrh.

(*Fragaria sterilis*, Eng. Bot. t. 1785.)

Resembles the *Strawberry* in its short, tufted stems, silky hairs, 3 leaflets regularly toothed almost all round, and white flowers; but the receptacle does not swell or become succulent as the fruit ripens. The stem itself is also often shortly creeping, either under or above ground, and the flowering branches are less erect than in the *Strawberry;* the petals usually smaller, although variable, sometimes narrow and scarcely so long as the calyx, sometimes nearly as large as in the common wild *Strawberry*.

On banks, dry pastures, and in open woods, in western and central

Europe, extending northward to south Sweden, and eastward to the Crimea and the Caucasus. Abundant in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland, but becoming rare in the Highlands. *Fl. early spring.*

2. Creeping Potentil. **Potentilla reptans,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 862. *Cinquefoil.*)

Stock seldom much tufted, with slender, prostrate stems, often rooting at the nodes, and sometimes extending to a considerable length. Stipules ovate, mostly entire. Leaves all stalked, with 5 obovate or oblong, coarsely-toothed leaflets. Flowers single, on long peduncles, apparently axillary, or rarely forming a loose, terminal cyme, as in the *Tormentil P.* Petals large and yellow, mostly 5, but occasionally only 4.

In rich pastures, borders of meadows, edges of woods, and hedges, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in England and Ireland, but decreasing much in Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.* Much as the common form of this species differs from the following one, it is by some supposed to be a mere variety, and certainly the procumbent variety of the true *Tormentil* appears to be intermediate between the two.

3. Tormentil Potentil. **Potentilla Tormentilla,** Sibth.

(*Tormentilla officinalis*, Eng. Bot. t. 863.)

Rootstock thick and woody. Stems erect, or procumbent at the base, several times forked, more or less silky-hairy as well as the leaves. Lower leaves often shortly stalked, and like those of the *creeping P.*, but the upper ones always sessile, consisting of 3, or rarely 5, deeply-toothed leaflets. Peduncles in the forks of the stem, or in the axils of the upper leaves, forming a loose, leafy, terminal cyme. Flowers small, bright yellow, and mostly with 4 petals; the first one, however, of each stem has occasionally 5.

On heaths, moors, and pastures, in open woods, etc., throughout Europe and Russian Asia, to the Arctic regions. One of the most abundant and most generally diffused British plants. *Fl. summer.* The *Tormentilla reptans* (Eng. Bot. t. 864) is a more procumbent variety, occasionally creeping at the base, with rather larger flowers, more frequently breaking out into 5 petals, and forms some approach to the *creeping P.*; but the really intermediate forms mentioned above are of very rare occurrence.

4. Hoary Potentil. **Potentilla argentea,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 89.)

Stems decumbent at the base, ascending, and forked above. Lower leaves on long stalks, the upper ones nearly sessile, composed of 5 wedge-shaped or sometimes obovate leaflets, with a very few deep teeth or lobes, and remarkable for the close white down which covers their under side as well as the stems. Flowers in a loosely forked, leafy corymb or panicle, rather small, with 5 yellow petals.

In gravelly pastures, and on roadsides, in northern and central Europe, extending all across the Asiatic continent, but neither an Arctic nor generally a Mediterranean plant. In Britain, sparingly distributed over England, Ireland, and a portion of Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

5. Spring Potentil. **Potentilla verna,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 37.)

Stems generally short and tufted, sometimes procumbent at the base, and

ascending above to the height of 6 or 8 inches, or shortly prostrate, but not rooting at the nodes as in the *creeping P.* Lower leaves on long stalks, with 5 or 7 obovate or oblong, toothed leaflets; the upper ones shortly stalked or nearly sessile, with 5 or rarely only 3 leaflets, all green on both sides, although sometimes greyish by the abundance of silky hairs. Flowers irregularly panicled at the ends of the short, weak stems; the petals yellow, broad, and longer than the calyx.

In pastures and waste places, chiefly in hilly and mountain districts, in Europe, and central and Russian Asia, extending to the Arctic regions, but grows also in the dry, hot regions of southern Europe. Thinly scattered over England and Scotland, chiefly in hilly districts, and not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. spring and summer.* It varies much in size and hairiness, and in the size of the flowers. A luxuriant mountain variety, with larger flowers, of a golden yellow, has been distinguished as a species, under the name of *P. alpestris* or *P. aurea* (Eng. Bot. t. 561).

6. **Shrubby Potentil. Potentilla fruticosa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 88.)

Differs from all other European species by the stem, the lower portion of which becomes woody, forming an erect or spreading shrub or undershrub, often very low, but sometimes attaining 2 feet in height; the short flowering branches die down as in other *Potentils.* Stipules narrow and thin. Leaflets usually 5, narrow and entire; the three upper ones often shortly connected at the base; the two lower inserted at some distance from them, so as to form a pinnate rather than a digitate leaf. Peduncles terminal or opposed to the leaves, each with a single rather large yellow flower.

In bushy or stony places, chiefly in mountain districts, widely diffused over Europe, central and Russian Asia, and North America, but not generally common. In Britain, only in a few localities in the north of England, and in Clare and Galway in Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

7. **Goose Potentil. Potentilla anserina,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 861. *Silver-weed.*)

Stock tufted, with long creeping runners rooting at the nodes, as in the *creeping P.* Leaves pinnate, with numerous oblong, deeply toothed leaflets, green or somewhat silky on the upper side, of a shining silver-white underneath from the silky down with which they are covered. Peduncles long, solitary at the rooting nodes, bearing a single rather large yellow flower.

Common on roadsides, in stony pastures, and waste places throughout Europe, Russian and central Asia, and a great part of North America, extending to the Arctic regions, and reappearing in the southern hemisphere. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer.*

8. **Rock Potentil. Potentilla rupestris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2058.)

Stock perennial, sometimes forming a very short, woody stem, the annual flower-stems 6 to 10 inches high. Leaves chiefly radical, pinnate; the common stalk rather long; the leaflets 5 or rarely 7, ovate, toothed, green, and somewhat glutinous. The stem-leaves few and smaller, usually with only 3 leaflets. Flowers few, rather large, of a pure white, forming a loose, irregular corymb.

In clefts of rocks, in limestone districts, in the mountain-ranges of central

and southern Europe, and across the whole continent of Asia, extending northwards into southern Sweden. In Britain, only on the Breiddin hills in Montgomeryshire, except where it may have established itself for a time in the neighbourhood of gardens in which it has been cultivated. *Fl. May and June.*

9. **Marsh Potentil. Potentilla Comarum,** Nestl.

(*Comarum palustre*, Eng. Bot. t. 172.)

A perennial, 1 to 1½ feet high, often assuming a bluish-purple colour, glabrous or more or less hairy in the upper part; the stems decumbent and rooting at the base. Stipules not distinct from the enlarged base of the leafstalk. Leaflets mostly 5, shortly pinnate at the end of the stalk, oblong, toothed, nearly glabrous above and hoary underneath, or softly hairy on both sides, and often near 2 inches long. Flowers in a loose, irregular corymb, of a dingy purple; the inner segments of the calyx broad, with long points, the outer ones narrow and much smaller. Petals shorter than the calyx. Carpels numerous and small, on a somewhat enlarged, rather spongy receptacle, on which account this plant is often considered as forming a distinct genus, under the name of *Comarum*.

In marshes, peat-bogs, and wet places, in northern and central Europe, Asia, and a portion of North America, penetrating far into the Arctic regions. Widely distributed over Britain, but rare in the south of England. *Fl. summer.*

VIII. **SIBBALDIA.** SIBBALDIA.

Habit and characters of *Potentil*, except that the number of stamens and carpels is reduced below 10, generally from 5 to 7. The genus consists but of very few species, small alpine plants, inhabiting the great mountain-ranges both of the new and the old world.

1. **Procumbent Sibbaldia. Sibbaldia procumbens,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 897.)

The perennial stock forms a short, dense, spreading tuft. Leafstalks seldom above 6 lines long, with 3 obovate or wedge-shaped leaflets, 3-toothed at the end, green, and more or less hairy on both sides. Flower-stems ½ to 1½ inches long, almost leafless, bearing a cyme of small flowers, of which the green calyxes are the most conspicuous, the petals being very small and of a pale yellow, or occasionally wanting. The lobes of the calyx often close over the carpels after flowering, but the latter are not enclosed within the tube as in *Alchemil.*

In the mountains of northern and Arctic Europe, Asia, and America, or, at greater elevations, in the higher ranges of central Europe and Asia. Frequent in the Scotch Highlands, constituting in some places a considerable portion of the greensward, but unknown in England or Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

IX. **ALCHEMIL.** ALCHEMILLA.

Tufted herbs, either annual or with a perennial, almost woody stock, and annual flowering-stems, palmately lobed or divided leaves, and small green

flowers, in loose panicles or in small sessile heads. Calyx free, *double*, that is, of 8 divisions, of which 4 alternate ones are outside and smaller. No petals. Stamens 4 or fewer. Carpels 1 or 2, 1-seeded, and enclosed in the dry tube of the calyx.

The species are very few, but widely spread over the northern hemisphere, chiefly in mountainous districts. The palmate, not pinnate leaves, and inflorescence, readily distinguish them from the two following apetalous genera.

Perennial. Flowers in terminal panicles.
Leaves green on both sides, with short, broad, palmate lobes . . . 1. *Common A.*
Leaves silvery shining underneath, deeply palmate . . . . . 2. *Alpine A.*
Small annual. Flowers minute, in sessile axillary heads . . . . . 3. *Field A.*

1. **Common Alchemil. Alchemilla vulgaris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 597. *Lady's-mantle.*)

A perennial, either glabrous or more or less hairy, but always green, not silvery. Radical leaves large, on long stalks, broadly orbicular or reniform, divided only to a fourth or a third of their depth into 7 or 9 broad, regularly-toothed lobes. Flowering-stems decumbent or ascending, seldom above 6 inches high, bearing a few small leaves on short stalks, with large, green, toothed stipules, and a loose panicle of small, green flowers, each borne on a little pedicel, generally at least as long as the tube of the calyx.

In meadows and pastures, in northern and Arctic Europe and Asia, becoming more restricted to mountain-ranges in central and southern Europe and central Asia. Generally distributed over Britain, but scarce in south-eastern England. *Fl. spring and summer.*

2. **Alpine Alchemil. Alchemilla alpina,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 244. *A. conjuncta*, Bab. Man.)

An elegant plant, with much of the general habit of the *common A.*, but known at once by the shining silvery hairs, which cover the stems and under side of the leaves. The stock often emits short, creeping runners. Leaves smaller than in the *common A.*, and divided to the base, or nearly so, into 5 or 7 oblong, almost entire segments. Flowers in little, dense corymbs, which form short, interrupted spikes or panicles at the ends of the branches.

In the principal mountain-ranges of Europe, but generally at greater elevations than the *common A.*, and in Asia and America almost restricted to the Arctic regions. Abundant in many parts of the Scotch Highlands and of northern England, and occurs also in the mountains of Kerry and Sligo in Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Field Alchemil. Alchemilla arvensis,** Scop.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1011. *Parsley Piert.*)

A little annual, so different in appearance from the two last that it has often been considered as forming a distinct genus, but the essential characters are the same as in *Alchemil.* It is seldom more than 2 or 3 inches high, and often in full flower at 1 inch, much branched, green, and softly hairy. Leaves on short stalks, orbicular, more or less deeply divided and cut. Flowers very minute, green, and sessile, forming little heads in the axils of the leaves, half enclosed in the leafy stipules.

In fields and waste gravelly places, on earthy wall-tops, etc., throughout Europe and western Asia, and carried by cultivation into other countries. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. the whole season.*

X. **SANGUISORB.** SANGUISORBA.

Herbs, with a perennial stock, annual, erect, or ascending stems, and pinnate leaves. Flowers in dense oval or cylindrical heads, at the ends of long peduncles. Calyx simple, of 4 coloured lobes, the tube enclosed in 2 or 4 bracts. Petals none. Stamens few. Carpels 1 or rarely 2, 1-seeded, enclosed in the dry, oblong tube of the calyx.

The genus consists but of very few European, North Asiatic, and North American species. They are closely allied to the following one, with which they are popularly included under the name of *Burnet*, the chief distinction being in the small number of stamens, and the flowers usually hermaphrodite.

1. **Burnet Sanguisorb. Sanguisorba officinalis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1312. *Great Burnet.*)

A glabrous and erect perennial, attaining about 2 feet in height. Leaves chiefly radical or from the lower part of the stem, with 9 to 13 ovate or oblong, toothed segments; the upper part of the stem almost leafless, and divided into 3 or 4 long peduncles, each terminated by a single head of flowers, at first globular, then ovoid or oblong, rarely an inch long. Flowers much crowded, and more or less tinged with dark purple. Stamens usually 4.

In moist meadows, chiefly in mountainous districts, almost all over Europe and Russian Asia to the Arctic Circle. In Britain, chiefly in southern Scotland, and in northern and western England; not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

XI. **POTERIUM.** POTERIUM.

Herbs, with a perennial stock, ascending or erect annual stems, and pinnate leaves. Flowers without petals, in dense, globular or ovate heads at the ends of long peduncles, as in *Sanguisorb*, but most frequently monœcious. Calyx in the males 4-lobed, the stamens numerous, with long filaments. Calyx in the females tubular, contracted at the mouth, with 4 small deciduous teeth. After flowering it becomes quadrangular, closely enclosing 1 or rarely 2 one-seeded carpels.

A small genus, chiefly south European and western Asiatic, generally preferring drier and more rocky situations than the *Sanguisorbs*.

1. **Burnet Poterium. Poterium Sanguisorba,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 860. *Salad Burnet. Garden Burnet.*)

A glabrous or very slightly downy perennial, much like the *Sanguisorb* but smaller, the stem seldom above a foot high. Leaflets small, ovate, deeply toothed, often 15 to 19 to each leaf. Heads of flowers smaller and more globular than in the *Sanguisorb*, of a light green colour, very seldom acquiring a purplish tinge. Lower flowers all males, with the numerous stamens projecting in hanging tufts; upper flowers female, with a long style ending in a purple, tufted stigma. Ripe calyx from 1 to 2 lines long, more or less distinctly quadrangular, and irregularly wrinkled and pitted.

In dry pastures and clefts of limestone rocks, in central and southern Europe, and temperate Russian Asia, extending northwards into southern Sweden. In Britain, generally spread over the limestone districts of Eng-

land and Ireland, but scarce in Scotland. The ripe calyx or fruit varies in size and in the prominence of the wrinkles, constituting, in the eyes of southern botanists, several distinct species; one of these, with the ripe calyx near 2 lines long, and very distinctly pitted and marked with little asperities, is usually inserted in our Floras under the name of *P. muricatum*.

XII. **AGRIMONY.** AGRIMONIA.

Herbs, with a perennial stock, erect stems, pinnate leaves with distinct segments or leaflets, and yellow flowers in long, terminal, simple, loose spikes. Calyx 5-toothed. Petals 5. Stamens few. Carpels usually 2, enclosed within the dry, persistent calyx, which is covered, when ripe, with hooked bristles.

The genus comprises but very few European, north Asiatic, and North American species, easily known by their inflorescence, as well as by their fruit.

1. **Common Agrimony. Agrimonia Eupatoria,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1335. *A. odorata*, Brit. Fl.)

Stems 2 or 3 feet high, more or less clothed, as well as the leaves, with soft hairs. Lower leaves often 6 inches long, with from 5 to 9 distinct, ovate, coarsely-toothed leaflets, about an inch long, intermixed with a number of much smaller ones; the upper leaves gradually smaller, with fewer leaflets. Spike long and leafless, but each flower in the axil of a small 3-cleft bract, with two smaller 3-toothed bracteoles on the very short pedicel. Tube of the calyx hairy and erect when in flower, turned downwards after flowering, when it becomes thickly covered at the top with hooked, green or reddish bristles, forming a small burr. Petals rather small, oblong. Stamens short, often not more than 6 or 7, but sometimes twice that number.

On roadsides, waste places, borders of fields, etc., over nearly the whole of Europe, Russian Asia, and North America, but not an Arctic plant. Frequent in England and Ireland, but becoming scarce beyond the Clyde and Forth, in Scotland. *Fl. all summer.* It varies considerably in the hairiness of the foliage, in the size of the flowers, and in the form of the ripe calyx, which is more or less contracted at the base, from obconical to campanulate; and from this character two European species have been distinguished, but the differences do not appear constant enough to separate them even as marked varieties.

XIII. **ROSE.** ROSA.

Erect, scrambling or climbing shrubs, more or less prickly, with pinnate leaves, leafy stipules adhering to the leafstalk, and showy flowers, either solitary or in small corymbs at the ends of the branches. Calyx-tube globular or ovoid, contracted towards the top; the limb divided into 5 segments, often unequal, and sometimes lobed. Petals 5. Stamens numerous. Carpels several, 1-seeded, hairy, enclosed within the tube of the calyx, which becomes succulent when ripe, and sometimes slightly pulpy between the carpels, the whole forming a rather dry red or black berry.

A well-marked genus, widely diffused over the northern hemisphere, in the new world as well as the old. It comprises a considerable number of true species; but several of them being of very ancient and universal cultivation, and having been hybridized and multiplied with all the skill of modern horticulturists, their more or less marked races and varieties are now reckoned by thousands. Even in the wild state endeavours have been made to characterize so large a number of proposed species, that the confusion amongst them is almost as great as in the *Brambles*. The forms indigenous to Britain appear to be reducible to five types, which are probably real species. It must, however, be admitted, that the characters separating them are not so decided as could be wished, and that specimens will occasionally be found that the most experienced botanist will be at a loss to determine, and certainly not the less so if the number of British species be extended, as proposed, to 15 or 20.*

Prickles mostly straight, or very slightly curved, scarcely dilated at the base.
- Stem seldom above a foot high when wild. Leaflets 7 or 9, usually small, and simply toothed . . . . . 1. *Burnet R.*
- Stem 2 feet or more. Leaflets 5 or 7, usually doubly toothed, downy on both sides . . . . . 2. *Downy R.*

Prickles, at least the larger ones, more or less curved, and dilated at the base.
- Styles slightly protruding from the mouth of the calyx in a dense tuft, but not united. Stem scarcely trailing.
  - Calyx-tube globular, more or less prickly or bristly . . . . . 2. *Downy R.*
  - Calyx-tube ovoid or oblong, without prickles or bristles.
    - Leaflets very glandular, doubly toothed . . . . . 3. *Sweetbriar R.*
    - Leaflets without glands, or very few on the edges only, simply or rarely doubly toothed . . . . . 4. *Dog R.*
- Styles united in a column, protruding from the calyx. Stem very trailing . . . . . 5. *Field R.*

The most common exotic *Roses* in our cottage gardens are the *Cabbage* and *Moss Roses*, varieties of the *R. centifolia*, of uncertain origin (perhaps not distinct from the *R. gallica*, from central and southern Europe); the *Ayrshire Rose*, a cultivated variety of the south European *R. sempervirens*; and the *China Roses*, varieties of the Asiatic *R. indica*; but several other species from Europe, Asia, and North America, are also in general cultivation, and are among the parents of the numerous garden hybrids.

1. **Burnet Rose.** **Rosa pimpinellifolia,** Linn.

(*R. spinosissima*, Eng. Bot. t. 187. *R. involuta*, t. 2068? and *R. rubella*, t. 2521.)

A small, erect, very much branched shrub, usually under a foot high when wild, and seldom above 2 feet in cultivation, usually armed with numerous unequal, mostly straight, rather slender prickles, often more or less intermixed with glandular hairs. Leaflets small, 7 or 9 to each leaf, glabrous or with a minute glandular down; the teeth simple, or very rarely again toothed. Flowers rather small, white or pink, solitary at the end of the short branches; the floral stipules small. Calyx globular, or slightly ovoid, and smooth; the segments lanceolate, and almost always entire. Carpels all sessile, with free styles. Fruit black, or rarely red, globular or nearly so, crowned by the persistent segments of the calyx.

* See Hooker and Arnott, 'British Flora,' 7th edit., pp. 137 to 141; and Babington's 'Manual,' 4th edit., pp. 110 to 113, where 19 species are described, in both cases from the careful observations of Mr. Borrer (Hook. Brit. Fl., ed. 1 and 2, pp. 223 to 242). The above number includes, however, the *R. Dicksoni* and *R. cinnamomea*, since admitted not to be British.

In dry, bushy wastes, either near the sea or on dry, heathy hills, widely spread over Europe and temperate Asia, ascending occasionally to considerable elevations, but not extending to the Arctic regions. Common in Scotland and in several parts of England and Ireland, generally not far from the sea. *Fl. spring or early summer, and sometimes again later.* This is the origin of the *Scotch Roses* of our gardens.

2. **Downy Rose.** **Rosa villosa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 583. *R. mollis*, Eng. Bot. t. 2459, and *R. tomentosa*, Sm.)

In its ordinary state, this is distinguished from the downy varieties of the *dog R.* chiefly by the globular fruit, more or less covered with small, fine prickles, which are seldom entirely wanting. It is usually more erect and bushy, the prickles of the stem straight or but slightly curved; the leaflets softly downy on both sides, and almost always doubly toothed. Calyx-segments long, and often expanded near the top, sometimes all entire, sometimes, as in the *dog R.*, some of them more or less pinnately lobed. Flowers white or pale pink.

In hedges and thickets, in Europe and western Asia, and chiefly in the north, or in the mountain districts of the south. Generally distributed over Britain, but chiefly in Scotland, northern and western England, and Ireland. *Fl. early summer.* The *R. scabriuscula*, Eng. Bot. t. 1896, *R. hibernica*, t. 2196, *R. Sabini*, Suppl. t. 2594, and *R. Doniana*, Suppl. t. 2601, appear to be slight varieties of this species, to which belongs also the *Apple Rose* (*R. pomifera*), from continental Europe.

3. **Sweetbriar Rose.** **Rosa rubiginosa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 991. *R. micrantha*, t. 2490, and *R. sepium*, Suppl. t. 2653. *Sweetbriar.*)

Very nearly allied to the *dog R.*, but in its typical state, as cultivated in our gardens, easily recognized by the aromatic scent of the foliage when rubbed. This proceeds from small glands, copiously scattered on the leaf-stalks and the under side and edges of the leaflets, often giving the foliage a rusty hue. In the wild state the scent is often very faint, although the glands are still numerous. The plant is usually more slender than the *dog R.*, the prickles curved or hooked, often intermixed with glandular hairs; the leaflets rather small, and almost always doubly toothed; the flowers pink, usually solitary, rather smaller than in the *dog R.* Fruit ovoid or oblong, smooth or rarely bearing a very few small prickles.

In hedges and thickets, in central and southern Europe and central Asia, extending northwards into Scandinavia. In Britain, chiefly in southern and eastern England, apparently rare in northern and western England, Scotland, and Ireland. *Fl. early summer.*

4. **Dog Rose.** **Rosa canina,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 992.)

Rootstock woody, frequently producing suckers. Stems of several years' duration, often the first year erect and simple to the height of 3 or 4 feet; the flowering stems of two or more years branched, rather weak and straggling, attaining 6 or 8 feet in length, usually glabrous, and without glands, armed with curved or hooked prickles. Leaflets 5 or sometimes 7, ovate, usually simply toothed and glabrous, or downy on the under side, and then often doubly toothed. Flowers pink or white, usually sweet-scented, solitary

or 3 or 4 together at the ends of the branches; the stipules of the undeveloped floral leaves forming elliptical bracts. Fruit ovoid or rarely nearly globular, without bristles, although there are often a few on the pedicels; the 5 divisions of the calyx persistent, spreading or reflexed, either all dilated at the top and entire, or more frequently one pinnate on both sides, two on one side only, and the other two entire. Styles free, but collected in a dense hairy mass scarcely protruding from the orifice of the calyx-tube. Central carpels always distinctly stalked, according to Koch, a character which requires further verification.

In hedges and thickets, the commonest *Rose* throughout Europe and Russian Asia. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer, rather early.* It varies considerably in the foliage, either quite glabrous or more or less downy, especially underneath, and often glandular at the edges, but never so much so as in the *Sweetbriar R.*, nor so downy as in the *downy R.*, from which it is usually readily distinguished by the prickles and the fruit. The plants figured in English Botany as *R. collina*, t. 1895, *R. cæsia*, t. 2367, *R. sarmentacea*, Suppl. t. 2595, *R. dumetorum*, t. 2579 and Suppl. t. 2610, *R. Forsteri*, Suppl. t. 2611, and probably also *R. tomentosa*, t. 990, appear to be all reducible to the *dog R.*

5. **Field Rose.** **Rosa arvensis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 188.)

A much more trailing plant than the *dog R.*, often extending to many feet, with slender branches. Foliage and prickles nearly as in that species, but the leaflets are usually more glabrous and shining on the upper side, rarely slightly downy. Prickles usually small, and much hooked. Flowers white and scentless, usually 3 or 4 together at the ends of the branches, rarely solitary. Fruit globular or nearly so, without bristles; the calyx-divisions mostly entire, and falling off before the fruit is ripe. Styles usually united in a column protruding from the orifice of the calyx-tube, and the carpels all quite sessile, but neither of these characters appear to be quite constant.

In hedges and thickets with the *dog R.*, in western and central Europe, and often as common, but not extending so far to the north, nor apparently into eastern Europe. Abundant in England and Ireland, but becomes scarce in Scotland. *Fl. summer, lasting much later than the dog R.*

XIV. **PYRUS.** PYRUS.

Trees or shrubs, with entire or pinnately divided leaves, and showy flowers, either proceeding, with a few leaves, from buds or spurs on a former year's wood, or in simple corymbs at the ends of the year's shoots. Calyx-tube adhering to the ovary, the limb with 5 small divisions. Petals 5. Stamens numerous. Styles 5 or fewer. Fruit forming with the calyx a fleshy mass, divided in the centre into 5 or fewer cells of a leathery or cartilaginous consistence, each cell containing one or two seeds or *pips*.

A genus of several species, widely spread over the northern hemisphere, but chiefly in central Asia and southern Europe. This and the three following genera, although universally distinguished by modern botanists, are nevertheless separated only by characters of little importance and difficult to appreciate. The structure of the flowers is the same in all; the number of styles is variable, the distinction consists chiefly in the consistency of

the lining of the cells of the ripe fruit. In *Pyrus* it is cartilaginous or leathery, so that the fruit can be cut across with a knife; in the three other genera the cells are hard and bony, and tend to separate from each other into distinct nuts. The following analytical Table includes the British species of all four.

Flowers solitary or few together, in simple bunches. Leaves undivided.
- Calyx-segments long and leafy. Flowers solitary, sessile . . XVII. MEDLAR.
- Calyx-segments small. Flowers several together.
  - Flowers small, drooping. Leaves entire, white underneath . XVI. COTONEASTER.
  - Flowers showy, erect. Leaves toothed.
    - Styles combined at the base. Fruit globular . . . . . 2. *Apple P.*
    - Styles distinct. Fruit pear-shaped . . . . . 1. *Pear P.*

Flowers in branched corymbs. Leaves often cut or divided.
- Leaves simple, toothed, lobed, or pinnate at the base only.
  - Leaves very white underneath, with a dense cotton . . . . 3. *Beam P.*
  - Leaves green or loosely hairy underneath.
    - Leaves large, broad or almost cordate at the base, more or less pinnately lobed . . . . . 4. *Cut-leaved P.*
    - Leaves narrowed or wedge-shaped at the base, 3- or 5-lobed XV. HAWTHORN.
- Leaves pinnately divided to the midrib into several pairs of distinct, nearly equal segments or leaflets . . . . . 5. *Rowan P.*

Several others are cultivated in our gardens for their fruit or for ornament, especially the *Quince* (*P. Cydonia*), the *scarlet Pear* (*P. Japonica*), the *Siberian Crab* (*P. prunifolia*), etc.

1. **Pear Pyrus.** **Pyrus communis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1784. *Pear-tree.*)

In favourable circumstances the *Pear* will form a handsome tree of considerable elevation, of a somewhat pyramidal shape, with dense foliage, and showing all its flowers on the outside; but it may often be seen as a low, scrubby tree or mere bush. Leaves stalked, obovate, simple, bordered with numerous small teeth, glabrous or loosely covered, when young, with a slight down. Flowers rather large, of a pure white, on pedicels of about an inch long, in very short racemes or bunches of 6 to 10, on the wood of a former year. Divisions of the calyx narrow and pointed. Styles long, and distinct from the base. The fruit is so well known as to have given its name to the peculiar shape it retains through nearly the whole of its numerous cultivated varieties.

In woods and hedgerows, in the temperate regions of Europe and Asia, extending northwards into southern Sweden. Scattered over Britain, but in so many instances escaped from cultivation, that it cannot be affirmed to be really indigenous. *Fl. spring.*

2. **Apple Pyrus.** **Pyrus Malus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 179. *Crab* and *Apple trees.*)

The *Apple-tree* never grows to the height of the *Pear*, and assumes a more spreading shape. The leaves are very nearly the same, but generally downy underneath, with a shorter and stouter stalk. The inflorescence is also the same, except that the peduncles issue from nearly the same point, instead of being arranged in a short raceme along a common axis; the divisions of the calyx are broader and downy, the flowers often assume a pinkish hue, the styles are shortly united at the base, and the fruit is nearly globular, and flat or hollowed at the base by the stalk.

As widely spread as the *Pear-tree* over Europe and western Asia, it extends further northward into Scandinavia. Equally scattered over Britain,

but with more probability of its being a true native. *Fl. spring.* In a wild state it produces the small acrid fruit known under the name of *Crab Apple*, but the *Apples*, *Pippins*, *Codlins*, etc., of our orchards all belong to the same species.

3. **Beam Pyrus.** **Pyrus Aria,** Ehrh.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1858. *White Beam-tree.*)

Often a mere shrub, but growing into a tree of moderate size, with a rather broad head; the inflorescence, the young shoots, and the under side of the leaves covered with a soft, white cotton. Leaves ovate or obovate, green and glabrous on the upper side, always sharply toothed, sometimes undivided, sometimes more or less pinnately lobed; the lobes rounded at the top, and not acuminate as in the *cut-leaved P.* Flowers white, in corymbs at the ends of short, leafy branches, but not near so numerous as in the *Rowan-tree*, and rather larger, the lateral peduncles bearing seldom more than 3 or 4. Styles usually 2 only. Berries globular or ovoid, and red.

In woods, in central Europe, and in the mountain-ranges of southern Europe and central Asia, extending eastward to the Altai and Himalaya, and northward into Scandinavia. Generally distributed over Britain, but more frequent in England and Ireland than in Scotland. *Fl. spring or early summer.* The cut-leaved varieties are sometimes considered as species, under the name of *P. intermedia* or *P. scandica*, when the lobes are not deep, and *P. pinnatifida* (Eng. Bot. t. 2331) or *P. fennica*, when the lower ones reach the midrib; the former is not uncommon in the north of Europe, and is occasionally found in Scotland; the other appears to be of garden origin.

4. **Cut-leaved Pyrus.** **Pyrus torminalis,** Ehrh.

(*Cratægus*, Eng. Bot. t. 298. *Wild Service-tree.*)

A tall shrub or moderately sized tree, with the inflorescence and under side of the leaves, when young, clothed with a loose down, which disappears as they grow old. Leafstalks slender; leaves broad, and divided to near the middle into a few broad, pointed lobes, bordered with small teeth. Flowers in corymbs at the ends of short leafy branches, white, fewer and larger than in the *Rowan P.*; more numerous and rather smaller than in the *Beam P.* Styles usually 2, united to above the middle. Berries ovoid or globular, small and brownish.

In woods, in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, scarcely extending into northern Germany. In Britain, only in southern and central England. *Fl. spring.*

5. **Rowan Pyrus.** **Pyrus Aucuparia,** Gærtn.

(*Sorbus*, Eng. Bot. t. 337. *Rowan-tree* or *Mountain Ash.*)

A moderate-sized tree, distinguished from all the foregoing by the regularly pinnate leaves. Leaflets 11 to 19, in pairs along the common stalk, with a terminal one at some distance from the last pair; all narrow, oblong, toothed, from 1 to near 2 inches long, glabrous or nearly so above, more or less downy underneath. Flowers white, rather small, but very numerous, in showy corymbs at the ends of short leafy branches. Peduncles and calyx more or less downy. Styles rather short, usually 3, almost glabrous, and free from the base. Berries numerous, small, globular, of a bright red.

In woods, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, especially in mountainous

districts and at high latitudes, where it shrinks into a stunted shrub. Generally distributed over Britain in a wild state, besides being much planted. *Fl. spring or early summer.* The cultivated *Service-tree* (*Pyrus domestica*, Eng. Bot. t. 350) has precisely the foliage of the *Rowan P.*, of which it is believed by some to be a mere variety produced by cultivation. The flowers are rather larger and the styles often woolly, but the only real distinction is in the fruit, which is very much larger, assuming the form of a little pear. It has been inserted in British Floras on the strength of a single tree in the forest of Wyre, near Bewdley, which has, however, been shown to have been in all probability planted there.

XV. **HAWTHORN.** CRATÆGUS.

Shrubs, seldom growing into trees, mostly armed with stout thorns formed of abortive branches, and differing from *Pyrus* only in the hard bony consistence of the cells of the fruit.

The genus is, like *Pyrus*, spread over the temperate regions of the northern hemisphere, but the species are more numerous in North America than in Europe and Asia. Among those most frequently cultivated in our shrubberies and gardens are the *C. pyracantha* from south-eastern Europe, and the *C. Crus-galli*, and some other North American ones. The evergreen *C. glabra*, from China, now forms the genus *Photinia*.

1. **Common Hawthorn. Cratægus Oxyacantha,** Linn.

(*Mespilus*, Eng. Bot. t. 2504. *Hawthorn. May. Whitethorn.*)

A thorny shrub or small tree, glabrous or more or less downy on the calyxes and young foliage. Leaves stalked, narrowed at the base, and more or less divided upwards into 3 or 5 lobes or segments, which are irregularly toothed or even lobed. Flowers white or pink, sweet-scented, in sessile corymbs on short leafy branches. Petals broad. Styles 1, 2, or 3. Fruit red, globular or ovoid, crowned by the short divisions of the calyx, and containing a hard, bony, 1- or 2-celled nut, each cell with a single seed.

In woods, thickets, and hedges, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in Britain, and universally cultivated for artificial hedges. *Fl. spring or early summer.* It varies much in the form of its leaves, the down of its foliage and calyx, the number of styles, and the colour and size of the flower and fruit.

XVI. **COTONEASTER.** COTONEASTER.

Shrubs, with leaves usually small and entire, and rather small flowers, either solitary on short peduncles, or 4 or 5 together in short drooping racemes; the generic characters those of *Hawthorn*, except that the cells of the fruit form as many nuts, distinct from each other, but cohering to the inside of the fleshy calyx.

The species are few, chiefly from eastern Europe or central Asia, with a few North American ones.

1. **Common Cotoneaster. Cotoneaster vulgaris,** Lindl.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2713.)

An irregularly growing, tortuous shrub, with a dark-ruddy bark; the young shoots and under side of the leaves covered with a short, dense, white

cottony down. Leaves shortly stalked, small, ovate or orbicular, and entire, glabrous on the upper side. Flowers greenish-white, small, solitary or few together, in short drooping racemes, on very short leafy branches or buds. Calyx glabrous, with short broad teeth. Styles usually 3. Fruit small, reddish.

In rocky situations, chiefly in limestone regions, in central and southern, and especially eastern Europe, and in central and Russian Asia, ascending high up into mountain ranges, even to the edges of glaciers. In Britain, only known on the limestone cliffs of the Great Orme's Head. *Fl. spring.*

XVII. **MEDLAR.** MESPILUS.

A single species, distinguished as a genus from *Hawthorn* on account of its large flowers, with more foliaceous divisions to the calyx, and of its fruit, of which the bony cells are more exposed at the top of the fruit, and more readily separable from each other.

1. **Common Medlar.** **Mespilus germanica,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1523.)

A shrub or small tree, more or less thorny when wild, but losing its thorns in cultivation. Leaves undivided, nearly sessile, lanceolate or oblong, with very small teeth, usually downy, especially on the under side. Flowers large, white or slightly pink, solitary and sessile on short leafy branches. Styles glabrous and distinct, usually 5. Fruit nearly globular or pear-shaped, crowned by a broad hairy disk, from whence the 5 bony cells very slightly protrude.

In hedges and thickets, common in southern Europe to the Caucasus, extending more or less into central Europe, but in many cases only as escaped from cultivation. In Britain, apparently wild in several localities in southern England, but probably not truly indigenous. *Fl. spring.*

The *Calycanthus*, occasionally planted in shrubberies, and *Chimonanthus*, often trained against walls, belong to the small North American and Asiatic *Calycanthus* family, allied on the one hand to the *Rose* family, on the other to the *Magnolia* family. The *common Myrtle*, a south European shrub, is one of the very large tropical *Myrtle* family, with the indefinite perigynous stamens of the *Rosaceæ*, but with opposite leaves, and a completely syncarpous inferior ovary.

XXVI. THE ŒNOTHERA FAMILY. ONAGRACEÆ.

Herbs, or, in some exotic genera, shrubs, with the leaves, especially the lower ones, frequently opposite, almost always undivided (except when immersed in water), and toothed, without stipules. Flowers in terminal spikes or racemes, or the lower ones solitary in the axils of the leaves. Calyx-tube adhering to the ovary, sometimes prolonged considerably above it; the limb of 4 or sometimes 2 lobes, not overlapping each

other in the bud. Petals as many, inserted on the calyx below its lobes, or occasionally wanting. Stamens 8, 4, 2, or 1, inserted with the petals. Styles simple or divided at the top into 2 or 4 stigmas. Ovary inferior, of 2 or 4 cells.

A considerable Order, ranging over the whole world, but in the greatest variety in North America. It is readily known amongst European Calyciflores with an inferior synearpous ovary, by the parts of the flower being all in twos or in fours. The small-flowered genera with sessile stigmas (of which *Myriophyll* and *Marestail* are the only British ones) form a distinct Suborder, sometimes considered as an independent Order, under the name of *Haloragea*.

Style distinct.
- Stamens 8. Petals 4.
  - Flowers purplish-red, pink, or white. Capsule long. Seeds with a tuft of hairs . . . . . 1. EPILOBE.
  - Flowers large, yellow. Capsule short. Seeds without hairs . . 2. ŒNOTHERA.
- Stamens 4. Petals small or none. Capsule short. Seeds without hairs . . . . . 3. LUDWIGIA.
- Stamens 2. Petals 2, cleft. Capsule small, hispid. Seeds 1 or 2 . 4. CIRCÆA.

Stigma sessile on the ovary. Aquatic plants with minute flowers.
- Stamens 4 or 8. Stigma, and seeds 4 . . . . . 5. MYRIOPHYLL.
- Stamen, stigma, and seed 1 . . . . . 6. MARESTAIL.

The North American *Clarkias*, *Zauschneria* and *Gaura*, of our flower-gardens, and the South American *Fuchsias* of our plant-houses, all belong to the *Œnothera* family.

I. **EPILOBE.** EPILOBIUM.

Herbs, mostly erect, with annual flowering stems, either with a creeping perennial rootstock, or, in the small-flowered species, becoming perennial by means of scions or offsets formed in autumn at the base of the decaying stem. Leaves opposite, or irregularly scattered. Flowers pink or red, rarely white. Limb of the calyx 4-cleft. Petals 4. Stamens 8. Ovary and capsule long and narrow, 4-celled. Style distinct, with a club-shaped or 4-lobed stigma. Seeds numerous, bearing a tuft of long hairs.

The genus is diffused over nearly the whole of the globe, from the extreme Aretic regions of both hemispheres to the tropics. The numerous forms the species assume in every variety of climate, make it exceedingly difficult to define them upon any certain principle, and botanists seldom agree as to the number they should admit. Those here adopted are the most marked among our British forms; but it must be confessed that in some instances intermediates are to be met with which will be found very puzzling. In all cases the style must be carefully observed, if possible when fresh, and a note made whether the stigma is entire or lobed.

- Flowers somewhat irregular, in long, terminal, leafless racemes. Petals spreading from the base, mostly entire . . . . . 1. *Willow E.*
- Flowers regular, axillary or in short racemes, leafy at the base. Petals erect at the base, mostly notched.
  - *Stigma deeply 4-lobed.*
    - Stem often 3 to 4 feet. Flowers large. Leaves clasping the stem . 2. *Great E.*
    - Stem seldom above 2 feet. Leaves, at least the lower ones, shortly stalked.
      - Leaves lanceolate, the middle ones sessile. Plant softly hairy . . 3. *Hoary E.*
      - Leaves ovate-lanceolate or ovate, mostly stalked. Plant glabrous or slightly hoary . . . . . 4. *Broad E.*

Stigma club-shaped, entire (or very shortly 4-lobed in the pale E.)
Stem marked with two or four raised lines, decurrent from the lower or all the leaves.
Leaves lanceolate, sessile. Buds erect . . . . . 6. *Square E.*
Leaves shortly stalked. Buds erect or slightly nodding . . . . 5. *Pale E.*
Stem cylindrical. Decurrent lines none or faint. Buds nodding.
Alpine plant, not 6 inches high. Leaves ovate.
Leaves small, mostly entire. Plant little branched . . . . . 9. *Alpine E.*
Leaves, broad, toothed, an inch or more long. Plant much branched . . . . . 8. *Chickweed E.*
Lowland plant, often a foot high or more. Leaves narrow, nearly entire . . . . . 7. *Marsh E.*

1. **Willow Epilobe. Epilobium angustifolium,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1947. *French Willow. Rose-bay.*)

A handsome plant, simple or scarcely branched, 2 or 4 feet high, glabrous or slightly hoary, but never hairy. Rootstock creeping. Leaves shortly stalked, lanceolate, entire or with very minute distinct teeth. Flowers large, purplish-red, in long terminal racemes; the petals slightly unequal, entire, and spreading from the base; the stamens and styles inclined downwards. Stigma deeply 4-lobed. Pod 1 to 2 inches long, more or less hoary.

On moist banks, and in moist open woods, chiefly in light soils, in Arctic and northern Europe, Asia, and North America, extending into the mountainous districts of central Europe and Asia. Widely spread over Britain, but not common, and in many places introduced. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Great Epilobe. Epilobium hirsutum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 838. *Great Willow-herb. Codlins-and-cream.*)

Stems stout and branched, 3 or 4 or even 5 feet high, the whole plant softly hairy. Leaves lanceolate, clasping the stem at the base, and bordered with small teeth. Flowers large and handsome; the petals erect at the base, spreading upwards, and deeply notched. Pod very long, quadrangular, and hairy.

On the sides of ditches and rivers, and in wet places, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in England, but soon disappearing in Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Hoary Epilobe. Epilobium parviflorum,** Schreb.

(Eng. Bot. t. 795.)

Some specimens of this plant look like the *great E.* on a small scale, others approach the *broad E.* It is distinguished from the former by its smaller stature and much smaller flowers. The lower leaves, also, and sometimes the upper ones, are shortly stalked; the middle ones usually sessile, but scarcely clasping the stem. From the *broad E.* there is little to separate it but the soft hairs with which it is clothed, the narrower leaves with shorter stalks, and the rather larger flowers. But none of these characters appear to be quite constant, and it may possibly prove to be a mere variety of the *broad E.*

In Europe and western Asia, but not so common as the *broad E.*, and generally found in wetter situations. It has nearly the same range over Britain, excepting the north of Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Broad Epilobe. Epilobium montanum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1177.)

Stems erect, simple or slightly branched, from 6 inches to a foot or more

high, cylindrical, without any decurrent lines or angles, and usually glabrous or slightly hoary; the autumnal offsets usually short, and sometimes sessile. Leaves shortly stalked, or sometimes almost sessile, ovate or broadly lanceolate, and toothed. Flower-buds erect or slightly nodding; ovary downy, tapering into a stalk at the base, and crowned by a calyx 2 or 3 lines long, divided below the middle into 4 reddish lobes. Petals pink, usually nearly twice as long, but sometimes scarcely exceeding the calyx, always deeply notched. Style divided at the top into 4 oblong, spreading, stigmatic lobes. Pod slender, 2 to 3 inches long.

In waste and cultivated places, roadsides, woods, etc., throughout Europe and Russian and central Asia, and apparently in many other parts of the globe. Very abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer.* It varies much in the size of the flowers, which are in dry situations often nearly as small as in the *pale E.*, from which it is then chiefly distinguished by the deeply-cleft stigma.

5. **Pale Epilobe. Epilobium roseum,** Schreb.

(Eng. Bot. t. 693.)

An erect plant, glabrous or hoary when young, much resembling at first sight a small-flowered *broad E.*, but the leaves are narrower, on longer stalks, the lower ones generally opposite, with a raised line descending more or less along the stem from the junction of the leafstalk on each side, almost as in the *square E.* They vary from ovate-lanceolate to narrow-oblong, and from 1 to 3 inches in length. Flowers in a short, terminal, leafy, branched raceme or panicle; the limb of the calyx hardly 2 lines long, and the notched petals not much longer. Buds erect or slightly nodding, the style ending in a club-shaped stigma, either entire or very shortly 4-lobed. Pods from 1 to 2 inches long.

Along ditches, and in moist situations, in Europe and Russian Asia, but not so common as either the preceding or the following species, nor extending so far to the north. Scattered over several parts of Britain, but being often confounded with the *broad E.* or the *hoary E.*, its real distribution is very uncertain. *Fl. summer.* Specimens in which the stigma is slightly lobed have been distinguished under the name of *E. lanceolatum* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2935, the style much more lobed than it should be).

6. **Square Epilobe. Epilobium tetragonum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1948. *E. obscurum*, Bab. Man.)

Stems erect, often much branched, 1 to 2 feet high, glabrous, or hoary with a very short down, and more or less angular from raised lines descending on each side from the margins of the leaves; the autumnal offsets often long and threadlike, with a fleshy bud at the extremity, more rarely short and scaly or leafy, as in the *broad E.* Leaves sessile or nearly so, narrow, and toothed. Flowers small, in terminal leafy racemes, the buds erect, the petals deeply notched. Stigma entire and club-shaped. Pod often very long.

In wet ditches and watery places, throughout Europe, Russian Asia, and a portion of North America, and extending to the Arctic Circle. Common in Britain, excepting in the north of Scotland. *Fl. summer.* Specimens with filiform scions have been distinguished under the name of *E. virgatum.*

7. **Marsh Epilobe. Epilobium palustre,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 346.)

Very near the *alpine E.*, and by some believed to be a lowland form of it. It has the same slender scions, entire or not much toothed leaves, short terminal racemes, small flowers, nodding buds, and club-shaped, undivided stigma; but its stature is taller, often a foot or even two in height, and the leaves are longer and much narrower, often linear. It sometimes also comes very near the narrow-leaved forms of the *pale E.* and the *square E.*, but has the buds much more nodding, and the decurrent lines on the stem are either very faint or entirely wanting.

In wet, boggy places, and watery ditches, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, but more especially in the north, extending into the Arctic regions. Generally distributed over Britain, but not a very common species. *Fl. summer.*

8. **Chickweed Epilobe. Epilobium alsinæfolium,** Vill.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2000.)

Closely allied to, and perhaps a mere variety of, the *alpine E.*, but much more luxuriant, and frequently branched, though seldom more than 6 inches high. Leaves very shortly stalked, ovate, and toothed, and an inch long or more, like those of the *broad E.*, but of a thicker consistence. Flowers larger than those of the *alpine E.*, forming very short, leafy racemes. Buds nodding, and stigma club-shaped, as in the *alpine E.* The autumnal scions are more frequently underground than green and leafy.

Along alpine rivulets and springs, in all the great mountain-ranges of Europe and western Asia. Very common in the Scotch Highlands, extending into the mountains of North Wales and north-western England, but not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. summer.*.

9. **Alpine Epilobe. Epilobium alpinum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2001. *E. anagallidifolium*, Bab. Man.)

This little plant is seldom more than 4 or 5 inches high, and often much shorter, decumbent and much branched at the base, glabrous or nearly so; the autumnal scions usually aboveground, slender and leafy, rarely short and tufted. Leaves more or less stalked, small, ovate or lanceolate, usually obtuse, and entirely or obscurely toothed. The stems have not the raised decurrent lines of the *pale E.*, but are only marked occasionally with faint downy lines. The flowers, although as small as in the *marsh E.*, appear large in proportion to the size of the plant, they are few in the axils of the upper leaves, forming short, leafy racemes. Buds nodding. Petals notched. Style ending in a club-shaped stigma, entire or nearly so. Pod 1 to 2 inches long, narrowed at the base into a long stalk.

Along alpine rills, and wet places in the high mountain ranges or Arctic regions of Europe, Russian Asia, and northern America. Abundant in the Scotch Highlands, but very local in England, and does not extend into Wales or Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

II. **ŒNOTHERA.** ŒNOTHERA.

Herbs or undershrubs, with alternate leaves, and yellow, red, or purple flowers, either axillary or in terminal spikes or racemes. Calyx-tube pro-

longed above the ovary, 4-lobed at the top. Petals 4. Stamens 8. Ovary and capsule 4-celled. Style distinct, with a capitate or 4-lobed stigma. Seeds numerous, without any tuft of cottony hairs.

A large American, and chiefly North American genus, from whence several species are cultivated in our flower-gardens.

1. **Common Œnothera. Œnothera biennis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1534. *Evening Primrose.*)

A biennial, 2 or 3 feet high; the stems almost simple, and more or less hairy; leaves ovate-lanceolate or lanceolate, slightly toothed, hoary or downy. Flowers yellow, large, and fragrant, in a long, terminal spike, often leafy at the base. Ovary sessile, about 6 to 8 lines long, the tube of the calyx at least an inch longer, the petals broad and spreading. Capsule oblong.

A North American plant, long cultivated in European flower-gardens, and now naturalized on river-banks and other sandy places in several parts of western Europe. Appears to be fully established in Lancashire and some other counties of England. *Fl. summer and autumn, opening in the evening.*

III. **LUDWIGIA.** LUDWIGIA.

Marshy or almost aquatic herbs, with opposite leaves, and small flowers solitary in the axils of the upper leaves. Limb of the calyx of 4 short divisions. Petals very small, or, in the British species, none. Stamens 4. Ovary and capsule 4-celled. Style distinct, with a capitate stigma. Seeds numerous, without any tuft of hairs.

The genus consists of a considerable number of species, widely diffused over the hotter as well as the temperate regions of the globe, in the new world as in the old. In their general habit and small flowers they resemble *Peplis*, and some other semi-aquatic plants of the *Lythrum* family, but the inferior ovary and other characters are entirely those of the *Œnothera* family.

1. **Marsh Ludwigia. Ludwigia palustris,** Ell.

(*Isnardia*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2593.)

A small glabrous annual, 3 to 6 inches high or rarely more; the lower part of the stem creeping in mud or floating in water, branching and rooting at almost every node. Leaves ovate and entire, 6 lines to an inch long. Flowers closely sessile, with a small green calyx, no petals, very small stamens, and an exceedingly short style, with a comparatively large capitate stigma. The capsule rapidly enlarges, being, when ripe, about 2 lines long, obovate, with 4 green angles, and containing numerous minute seeds.

In wet ditches, bogs, and pools, in central and southern Europe, central Asia, and North America, not crossing the Baltic to the northward. In Britain only known hitherto in three localities in Hampshire and Sussex, and in the Channel Islands. *Fl. summer.*

IV. **CIRCÆA.** CIRCÆA.

Herbs, becoming perennial by creeping rootstocks from the base of the erect annual flowering stems, with opposite stalked leaves, and small flowers

in terminal racemes. Limb of the calyx of two divisions, turned back whilst flowering. Petals 2. Stamens 2. Style distinct, with a thick stigma. Ovary and capsule globular, pear-shaped, or oblong, 2- or 1-celled, with 1 seed in each cell.

This pretty little genus consists but of three or four species, spread over Europe, temperate Asia, and North America, all so nearly resembling each other, that, in the opinion of some botanists, they are mere varieties of one.

Plant more or less hairy. Capsule pear-shaped, with 2 seeds . . . . 1. *Common C.*
Leaves perfectly glabrous. Capsule oblong, with 1 seed . . . . . 2. *Alpine C.*

1. **Common Circæa. Circæa lutetiana,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1056. *Enchanter's Nightshade.*)

Stems erect or shortly decumbent, and rooting at the base, 1 to 1½ feet high, and, as well as the leaves and racemes, more or less clothed with very short whitish hairs. Leaves on rather long stalks, broadly ovate or heart-shaped, 2 to 3 inches long, rather coarsely toothed, of a thin texture. Flowers white or pink, in elegant, slightly branched, leafless, terminal racemes. Pedicels about 2 lines long, turned down after flowering. Capsule small, pear-shaped, covered with stiff, hooked hairs, forming a small burr. Seeds 2.

In woods and shady situations, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, and in North America. Abundant in England and Ireland, but scarce in Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Alpine Circæa. Circæa alpina,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1057, *not good.*)

Closely resembles the common species, of which it may be a mountain variety, but is smaller in all its parts, and usually quite glabrous, except the fruit. It is seldom above 6 inches high; the leaves are thinner, and often glossy; the capsules smaller, less hairy, much narrower, and usually contain only a single seed, owing to the almost constant abortion of one of the cells.

In woods, and stony places, chiefly in mountain districts, in Europe and all across Russian Asia, often ascending to great altitudes, and penetrating further northward than the *common C.*, but apparently not an Arctic plant. Abundant in Scotland, extending into the north of England, but disappearing in the south. *Fl. summer.* A larger variety has sometimes been described as a distinct species, under the name of *C. intermedia*, a name also occasionally given to smaller states of the *common C.*

V. **MYRIOPHYLL.** MYRIOPHYLLUM.

Aquatic plants, with finely pinnated, whorled leaves, and minute, sessile, monœcious flowers. Calyx with 4 short divisions. Petals 4 in the male flowers, very minute or none in the females. Stamens in the males 8, 6, or 4. Ovary and capsule of the females short, divided into 4 cells, with 1 seed in each.

A small genus, widely diffused over almost every part of the globe. In its finely-cut whorled leaves it bears at first sight much resemblance to *Ceratophyll*, but the lobes of the leaves are pinnate, not repeatedly forked as in the latter plant.

Floral leaves or bracts not longer than the flowers . . . . . 1. *Spiked M.*
Floral leaves longer than the flowers, usually pinnate, like the stem-leaves . . . . . 2. *Whorled M.*

1. **Spiked Myriophyll. Myriophyllum spicatum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 83. *Water Milfoil.*)

Rootstock perennial, creeping and rooting in the mud under water. Stems ascending to the surface, but usually wholly immersed, varying in length according to the depth of the water, and more or less branched. Leaves whorled, in fours or sometimes in threes or in fives, along the whole length of the stem; the numerous capillary segments entire, 3 to near 6 lines long. From the summit of the branches a slender spike, 2 to 3 inches long, protrudes from the water, bearing minute flowers arranged in little whorls, and surrounded by small bracts seldom as long as the flowers themselves. The upper flowers are usually males, their oblong anthers, on very short filaments, protruding from the minute calyx and petals. The lower ones are female, very small, succeeded by small, nearly globular or slightly oblong capsules, each separating ultimately into 4 one-seeded carpels.

In watery ditches, and ponds, throughout Europe and Russian Asia. Extending all over Britain. *Fl. all summer.* A starved slender variety, with the whorls of the spike often reduced to a single flower, and the lower ones having leaves at their base like the stem-leaves, has been considered by some as a distinct species, under the name of *M. alterniflorum* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2854).

2. **Whorled Myriophyll. Myriophyllum verticillatum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 218. *Water Milfoil.*)

In deep, clear waters the foliage is precisely that of the *spiked M.*, but the flowers are all immersed in the water, in the axils of the upper leaves. In shallow, muddy ditches, the segments of the leaves are often shorter and fewer, and the flowers form a spike protruding above the water as in the *spiked M.*, but the bracts or floral leaves are longer than the flowers, and pinnate like the stem-leaves: this form constitutes the *M. pectinatum* of some authors, but cannot be distinguished with any precision, even as a variety.

In watery ditches and ponds, with the *spiked M.*, over the greater part of its geographical range, and in many countries as common. In Britain it appears to be rather scarce, but perhaps frequently overlooked from its flowers not appearing above the water. *Fl. all summer.*

VI. **MARESTAIL.** HIPPURIS.

A single aquatic species, distinguished as a genus from *Myriophyll* by its entire leaves, and by its flowers always without petals, with a scarcely perceptible border to the calyx, and reduced to 1 stamen, 1 subulate style, and 1 ovule and seed.

1. **Common Marestail. Hippuris vulgaris,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 763.)

An aquatic plant with a perennial rootstock, and erect, annual, simple stems, the upper part projecting out of the water sometimes to the height of 8 or 10 inches, and crowded in their whole length by whorls of from 8 to 12 linear entire leaves; the submerged ones, when in deep streams, often two or three inches long, gradually diminishing till the upper ones are less than half an inch. Flowers minute, sessile in the axils of the upper leaves, consisting

of a small globular or oblong ovary, crowned by a minute, scarcely perceptible border, on which is inserted a very small stamen, and from the centre of which proceeds a short, thread-like style. Fruit a little, oblong, 1-seeded nut, scarcely a line in length.

In shallow ponds, and watery ditches, over the greater part of Europe, Russian and central Asia, and North America, especially at high latitudes. In Britain, not near so frequent as the *Myriophyll* and *Ceratophyll*. *Fl. summer.* The whole plant has a general resemblance, although no affinity, to some of the more slender species of *Equisetum*, often called *Horsetails* or even *Marestails*.

XXVII. THE LYTHRUM FAMILY. LYTHRARIEÆ.

Herbs, or, in some exotic genera, shrubs or trees, with leaves mostly (at least the lower ones) opposite, entire, and without stipules; the flowers either axillary or forming terminal racemes or spikes, more or less leafy at the base. Calyx free, tubular or campanulate, with as many, or twice as many, teeth as there are petals. Petals 4, 5, or sometimes more, rarely deficient, inserted at the top of the tube of the calyx, crumpled in the bud. Stamens equal to or double the number of the petals (or, in some exotic genera, indefinite), inserted in the tube of the calyx, often lower down than the petals. Style single. Ovary free from the calyx, but generally enclosed within its tube, divided into 2 or more cells, each with several ovules. Capsule of a thin texture, sometimes becoming 1-celled by the drying up of the partition, containing several small seeds, without albumen.

A considerable family, some of the herbaceous semi-aquatic species dispersed over almost every part of the globe, whilst the larger shrubby or arborescent ones spread over the tropics both in the new and the old world. They come near to some *Rosaceæ* in the insertion of the stamens, the position of the ovary, the structure of the seeds, etc., but, independently of the structure of the ovary, they are readily known by their entire leaves, the lower ones at least always opposite. They are much more allied to the splendid and extensive tropical Order of *Melastomaceæ*, which however has no representative in Europe, and is even but little known in our stoves.

Calyx tubular. Petals longer than its teeth . . . . . 1. LYTHRUM.
Calyx shortly campanulate. Petals minute or none . . . . . 2. PEPLIS.

Several species of *Cuphea*, an American genus of this family, are now generally cultivated in our flower-gardens.

1. LYTHRUM. LYTHRUM.

Herbs, with sessile, axillary flowers, the upper ones forming long leafy spikes. Calyx tubular, with 8, 10, or 12 teeth, 4, 5, or 6 of them being external, and much narrower than the alternate inner ones. Petals 4, 5, or

6, longer than the calycine teeth. Stamens as many, or nearly twice as many, inserted below the petals on the tube of the calyx. Ovary and capsule 2-celled. Stigma borne on a distinct style.

The genus consists of very few species, spread over the northern hemisphere of the new as well as the old world.

Stems 2 feet or more. Leaves all opposite or whorled. Flowers large, in a showy, terminal raceme . . . . . 1. *Spiked L.*
Stems 6 or 8 inches or less. Upper leaves alternate, narrow. Flowers small, with minute petals . . . . . 2. *Hyssop L.*

1. **Spiked Lythrum. Lythrum Salicaria,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1061. *Purple Loosestrife.*)

Rootstock perennial, with short, annual, erect stems, 2 or 3 feet high, slightly branched, glabrous or softly downy. Leaves opposite or sometimes in threes, sessile, and clasping the stem at the base, lanceolate and entire, from 2 to 3 inches long. Flowers reddish-purple or pink, in rather dense whorls, forming handsome terminal spikes, more or less leafy at the base; the upper floral leaves reduced to bracts scarcely longer, or even shorter than the flowers. Calyx about 3 lines long, with as many ribs as teeth; of these the outer ones are subulate, the inner ones short and broad. Petals oblong, often near half an inch long.

In wet ditches and marshy places, throughout Europe and Russian and central Asia, in Australia and North America. Abundant in England, Ireland, and southern and western Scotland, very local in the east and north. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Hyssop Lythrum. Lythrum hyssopifolium,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 292.)

A glabrous annual, seldom more than 6 or 8 inches high, the stems slightly branched, and decumbent at the base, or, in starved specimens, erect and simple. Leaves sessile, narrow, and entire, barely half an inch long; the lower ones opposite, the upper ones alternate. Flowers small, and solitary in the axils of the upper leaves; the calyx scarcely more than a line long, with minute teeth; the petals purple, about half that length.

In moist or muddy places, especially those which are occasionally inundated. Widely spread over central and southern Europe, all across central Asia, in North and South America, South Africa and Australia, but not so common in Europe as the *spiked L.* In Britain but few localities are recorded for it in some of the southern and eastern counties of England and in Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

II. **PEPLIS.** PEPLIS.

Small glabrous annuals, with opposite entire leaves, and minute axillary flowers. Calyx shortly campanulate, with 6 external and 6 internal smaller teeth. Petals very minute or none. Stamens 6. Style very short, scarcely distinct. Capsule globular.

A genus of very few species, widely spread over Europe, Asia, and Africa.

1. **Common Peplis. Peplis Portula,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1211. *Water Purslane.*)

A slightly branched annual, creeping and rooting at the base, seldom above 2 or 3 inches high, but sometimes many plants grow together in

broad tufts or patches. Leaves obovate or oblong, seldom half an inch long, tapering into a stalk at the base. Flowers sessile in the axils of nearly all the leaves. Capsules enclosed in the somewhat enlarged calyx, but seldom attaining a line in diameter.

In wet ditches, and moist, watery places, in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, extending northward into Scandinavia, but not recorded from Siberia or central Asia. Frequent in England and Ireland, less so in Scotland. *Fl. all summer.*

XXVIII. **THE GOURD FAMILY.** CUCURBITACEÆ.

Herbs, with long stems, prostrate, or climbing by means of axillary tendrils; alternate, palmately-veined leaves; and unisexual flowers, either solitary or in bunches or racemes in the axils of the leaves. Calyx 5-toothed. Petals united in a single 5-lobed corolla or rarely distinct, inserted in the margin of the calyx. Stamens in the male flowers inserted on the calyx or corolla; anthers curved, forming a wavy line on the short, thick filaments, which are sometimes free, but often so combined as that the number of stamens, which is generally 5, appears to be 3 only, or sometimes all the filaments form but one mass. Ovary in the females inferior, divided into 3 or 5 cells. Stigmas from 3 to 5, 2-cleft, either sessile or supported on a style. Fruit succulent or juicy, either indehiscent or bursting open elastically when ripe.

A considerable Order, chiefly tropical, and more especially African, with but very few species, extending into Europe or northern Asia. It is very easily recognized, as well by its foliage and tendrils as by the structure of the flowers. The only Order at all allied to it is that of the *Passion-flowers,* almost all of them American, and chiefly tropical, but of which some species are well known among our greenhouse or stove plants. To the *Gourd* family belong the *Cucumbers*, *Melons*, *Watermelons*, *Gourds*, *Pumpkins*, etc., of our gardens, most of them of very ancient cultivation, but unknown in a wild state.

I. **BRYONY.** BRYONIA.

Calyx with 5 small teeth. Corolla 5-lobed. Stamens combined into 3, of which 2 are double and 1 single. Style 3-lobed, with capitate or 2-lobed stigmas. Fruit a globular berry.

1. **Common Bryony. Bryonia dioica,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 439.)

Rootstock perennial, thick and tuberous, sometimes branched; the annual stems climbing to a great length, and, as well as the whole plant, rough with minute hairs, containing an acrid juice, and emitting a sickening smell in drying. Tendrils simple or branched, and spirally twisted. Leaves more or less deeply divided into 5 or 7 broad, angular, and coarsely toothed lobes, of which the middle one is the longest. Flowers dioecious, the males

several together in stalked racemes, of a pale yellow; the corolla broadly campanulate, about half an inch diameter; the females much smaller, generally 2 together, nearly rotate, with a globular ovary. Berries red or orange, about 4 lines in diameter, containing several flat, nearly orbicular seeds.

Common in hedges and thickets, in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus. Occurs in most English counties, and common in some, but rare in the north and in Wales, and does not extend into Scotland or Ireland. *Fl. summer.* It must not be confounded with the so-called *black Bryony*, which is the *common Tamus*, a very different plant, with entire, shining leaves.

XXIX. THE PURSLANE FAMILY. PORTULACEÆ.

More or less succulent herbs, with entire leaves, usually opposite. Sepals 2 or rarely 3. Petals 5 or rarely more, sometimes slightly united. Stamens either equal in number and opposite to the petals, or indefinite. Styles 2 to 8, united at the base. Capsule 1-celled, with a free central placenta, and several seeds, as in the *Pink* family.

The family has a very wide geographical range, especially in North and South America, with a few species dispersed over the other quarters of the globe. It is nearly allied to the smaller plants of the *Pink* family, and to the *Paronychia* family, but easily known by the calyx. Several species belonging to the exotic genera *Purslane*, *Calandrinia*, and *Claytonia* are cultivated in our gardens, and one species of *Claytonia* (the *C. perfoliata*, from North America) has been picked up as wild, having strayed into the vicinity of gardens in some parts of England.

I. MONTIA. MONTIA.

Flowers minute, with the 5 petals united into one corolla, split open in front. Stamens 3. Stigmas 3. Capsule opening in 3 valves, and containing 3 seeds.

The genus consists but of one species.

1. Water Montia. *Montia fontana*, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1206. *Blinks*, or *Water Chickweed.*)

A little, glabrous, green, somewhat succulent annual, forming dense tufts, from 1 to 4 or 5 inches in height, the stems becoming longer and weaker in more watery situations. Leaves opposite or nearly so, obovate or spathulate, from 3 to 5 or 6 lines long. Flowers solitary or in little drooping racemes of 2 or 3, in the axils of the upper leaves; the petals of a pure white, but very little longer than the calyx. Capsules small and globular.

On the edges of rills, and springy, wet places, where the water is not stagnant, throughout Europe, in north Russian Asia, in North America, and down the Andes to the southern extremity. In Australia and New Zealand, but not in central Asia. Extends over the whole of Britain. *Fl. spring and summer.*

XXX. PARONYCHIA FAMILY. PARONYCHIACEÆ.

Low herbs, either annual or with a perennial, sometimes woody stock, and annual flowering branches, usually spreading or decumbent; opposite or rarely alternate leaves; small, scarious stipules (rarely deficient); and small, often granular flowers, in terminal or axillary cymes or bunches, rarely solitary. Calyx shortly or deeply divided into 5, rarely 4 or 3 lobes or segments. Petals either as many, inserted at the base of the sepals, often minute and filiform, or none. Stamens as many as the sepals, rarely fewer, inserted between the petals. Ovary and capsule 1-celled. Styles or sessile stigmas 2 or 3. Seeds solitary (or rarely several, on a free, central placenta, as in the *Pink* family), with a curved embryo, and mealy albumen.

A small Order, widely diffused over the globe, intermediate, as it were, between the *Pink* family on the one hand, and the *Amaranthus* family on the other. Closely allied to the small-flowered genera of the former, it differs in most cases by the stipules, the solitary seeds, and the reduced petals, with a tendency to a perigynous insertion, but none of these characters are absolute. The *Amaranthaceæ* have the still more constantly reduced perianth, which places them amongst *Monochlamyds*.

Leaves alternate	I. CORRIGIOLE.
Leaves opposite.	
Calyx with a distinct ovoid or globular tube	IV. SCLERANTH.
Calyx divided almost to the base.	
Flowers green. Calyx without points	II. HERNIARY.
Flowers white and scarious. Calyx with 5 points	III. ILLECEBRUM.

I. CORRIGIOLE. CORRIGIOLA.

Annuals, with alternate leaves, and small white flowers in terminal cymes. Calyx of 5 divisions. Petals 5, oblong or oval. Stamens 5. Stigmas 3, sessile. Seed solitary, in a small nut, enclosed in the calyx.

Besides the British species there are two or three others in southern Europe, Africa, and South America, all seacoast plants.

1. Sand Corrigiole. Corrigiola littoralis, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 668. *Strapwort.*)

Stems numerous, procumbent or ascending, slightly branched, slender, and glabrous. Leaves linear or oblong, obtuse, tapering at the base, with a minute scarious stipule on each side. Flowers crowded in little heads or cymes at the ends of the branches; the white, ovate or oblong petals barely protruding beyond the calyx, whose divisions however are white and petal-like on the margin, and green in the centre only. Nuts enclosed, when ripe, in the scarcely enlarged calyx.

On the sandy seashores of western and southern Europe, and northern Africa, extending sparingly into the east Mediterranean region, and western Asia, occurring here and there more inland in west-central Europe. In Britain, confined to the coasts of Devon and Cornwall. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

II. **HERNIARY.** HERNIARIA.

Herbs, either annual or with a perennial stock of short duration; with prostrate, much branched, annual stems; opposite leaves; very minute, scarcely visible scarious stipules; and small, green, granular flowers, crowded in little axillary cymes. Calyx of 5 divisions. Petals 5, minute and filiform. Stamens 5. Stigmas 2. Seed solitary, in a thin, indehiscent capsule enclosed in the calyx.

A genus of very few species, all growing in sandy places, chiefly near the sea, in southern Europe, central Asia, and Africa.

1. **Common Herniary.** **Herniaria glabra,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 206, and *H. ciliata*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2857. *Rupture-wort.*)

The very much branched stems spread along the ground to the length of a few inches, and are usually crowded from the base with their little green flowers intermixed with small, opposite, oblong, obovate, or rarely orbicular leaves. The whole plant is glabrous, with the exception of a few usually recurved hairs at the edges of the leaves.

In sandy places, in temperate and southern Europe and Russian Asia, extending into Scandinavia, but not to high latitudes. In Britain, it occurs in several counties of southern and central England, and in Ireland. *Fl. summer.* It varies with the clusters of flowers all crowded into a leafy spike, or the lower ones separated by considerable intervals.

III. **ILLECEBRUM.** ILLECEBRUM.

Calyx of 5 thickish white divisions, hooded at the top, with a subulate point. Petals minute, filiform. Stamens 5. Stigmas 2, sessile. Seed solitary, in a capsule enclosed in the calyx, but opening at the base in 5 or 10 valves, which remain cohering at the top.

A genus now reduced to a single species, but which formerly included several south European ones, now forming the genus *Paronychia.*

1. **Whorled Illecebrum.** **Illecebrum verticillatum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 895.)

A small, glabrous, much branched annual, prostrate and spreading at the base; the branches ascending, from 1 to 3 inches in height, covered in their whole length with the shining white whorls of flowers, in the axils of opposite, obovate, green leaves. Sepals somewhat enlarged after flowering, but even then but little more than half a line long, green on the inner edge, but thickened and of a pure white on the back, with a fine point, giving the whole calyx a 5-ribbed form, something like the capsule of a *Sedum.* Petals, stamens, and ovary very minute.

In sands, and especially in sandy marshes, in central and southern Europe, from the west coast to the Russian frontier. In Britain, only in Devonshire and Cornwall. *Fl. summer.*

IV. **SCLERANTH.** SCLERANTHUS.

Small, much branched herbs, with opposite, narrow leaves, connected by a narrow, transparent edge at the base; and numerous small, green flowers,

in crowded, terminal cymes. Calyx-tube ovoid or campanulate, the limb 5-lobed. Petals none, but represented by 5 small filaments alternating with the 5 stamens, all inserted at the top of the calyx-tube. Styles 2. Seed solitary in a little nut, enclosed in the somewhat hardened tube of the calyx.

Besides the two British species, the genus comprises two or three from southern Europe, closely resembling them, and perhaps mere varieties.

Root annual. Calyx-lobes pointed . . . . . 1. *Annual S.*
Stock perennial. Calyx-lobes obtuse, edged with white . . . . . 2. *Perennial S.*

1. **Annual Scleranth. Scleranthus annuus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 351. *Knawel.*)

A much branched, erect or spreading annual, 2 to 3 inches high, glabrous or very slightly downy. Leaves very narrow, 2 to 3 lines long. Calyx enlarged after flowering to about 1½ lines in length; the lobes stiff, erect, narrow, and pointed, about equal in length to the tube.

In fields and waste places, over the whole of Europe and western Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland, but scarce in the north. *Fl. all summer.*

2. **Perennial Scleranth. Scleranthus perennis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 352.)

This species so much resembles the *annual S.* that it is by some considered as a mere variety, but the root and tufted lower part of the stem will last two or three years. The flowering stems, usually about 2 inches high, are more rigid, the flowers more densely collected in terminal cymes, and the calyx is rather smaller, with obtuse divisions, bordered by a much more conspicuous white edging.

With nearly the same general range in Europe and Asia as the *annual S.*, it is everywhere more local. In Britain, it appears to be confined to eastern England. *Fl. all summer.*

XXXI. THE CRASSULA FAMILY. CRASSULACEÆ.

Herbs or shrubs, with succulent leaves, all or only the upper ones usually alternate, rarely all opposite, no stipules, and flowers in terminal racemes or cymes. Sepals 3 or more, usually 5, sometimes 15 to 20, cohering at the base. Petals as many, sometimes united in a single corolla. Stamens as many, or twice as many, inserted with the petals at the base of the calyx. Ovary superior; the carpels as many as the petals, and free, usually with a small, flat scale at their base, and forming as many distinct capsules, each containing several seeds attached to the inner angle. Embryo straight, with a thin, fleshy albumen.

A numerous family, extending over the greater part of the globe, but particularly abounding in south-western Africa and in the rocky districts of Europe and central Asia. The exact concordance in number of the parts

of the flower of the different whorls forms the most prominent character of the family, to which the succulent leaves give a peculiar habit.

Stamens 3 or 4. Plants very small, with minute flowers . . . . . 1. TILLÆA.
Stamens twice as many as the petals (half of them sometimes without anthers).
Petals united in a tubular corolla, longer than the calyx . . . . . 2. COTYLEDON.
Petals free or nearly so, and spreading.
Flowers mostly with 5 or 6 petals and sepals . . . . . 3. SEDUM.
All the flowers with more than 6, usually 10 or 12 petals and sepals 4. HOUSELEEK.

Among the succulent plants in our greenhouses, the *Crassulas*, *Echeverias*, *Rocheas*, and a few others, belong to this family, but by far the greater proportion form part of the *Mesembryanthemum* and *Cactus* families, which are entirely exotic.

I. **TILLÆA.** TILLÆA.

Very small annuals, with opposite leaves, and minute flowers in the upper axils. Sepals, petals, stamens, and carpels 3 or 4.

Besides the European species, the genus contains several from North America, central Asia, southern Africa, and Australia, most of them amongst the smallest of flowering plants.

1. **Mossy Tillæa. Tillæa muscosa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 116.)

The whole plant is seldom more than 2 inches high, and usually but an inch, or even much less, although much branched, and crowded with flowers; it is usually of a reddish colour, and slender, though succulent. Leaves narrow-lanceolate or linear. Flowers solitary in each axil, or several together in little clusters. Sepals lanceolate, pointed. Petals minute and subulate. Carpels with 2 minute seeds in each.

On moist, barren, sandy heaths and wastes, in western and southern Europe, extending eastward round the Mediterranean, and northward to the Netherlands. Has been found in several of the southern counties of England, but not in Ireland or Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

II. **COTYLEDON.** COTYLEDON.

Herbs, or succulent shrubs, with scattered leaves (rarely opposite in some exotic species), and flowers in terminal racemes or panicles. Sepals 5, small. Petals combined into a single tubular or campanulate corolla, with 5 teeth or divisions. Stamens 10, inserted at the base of the corolla. Carpels 5, each with a scale at the base.

Taking this genus in the sense in which it was understood by Linnæus, it includes a considerable number of south-west African, besides several south European and central Asiatic ones, which, with our British species, are considered by some modern botanists as forming a distinct genus under the name of *Umbilicus*.

1. **Wall Cotyledon. Cotyledon umbilicus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 325. *Pennywort. Navelwort.*)

Stock perennial, almost woody. Radical and lower leaves on long stalks, fleshy, orbicular, broadly crenate, and more or less peltate. Flowering stems erect, from 6 inches to a foot high, simple or slightly branched, leafy

at the base only, and bearing a long raceme of pendulous, yellowish-green flowers. Calyx very small. Corolla cylindrical, about 3 lines long, becoming afterwards somewhat enlarged, with 5 short teeth, and enclosing the stamens and carpels.

On rocks, walls, and old buildings, in western Europe, extending eastward round the greater part of the Mediterranean, southwards to the Canary Islands, and northwards to Ireland, western England, and the south-west corner of Scotland. It occurs more sparingly along the south coast of England, and occasionally in some of the eastern counties. *Fl. summer.*

III. **SEDUM.** SEDUM.

Succulent herbs, sometimes woody at the base, with scattered leaves, occasionally opposite or whorled, especially at the base, or on barren stems; and yellow, white, reddish or blue flowers, in terminal cymes or corymbs. Sepals 4 to 6 (usually 5). Petals as many, distinct. Stamens twice as many. Carpels as many as the petals, each with an entire or emarginate scale at the base, and containing several seeds.

A widely diffused genus, numerous in species, especially in central and southern Europe and central Asia, but extending also into North America, and the mountains of South America. A large number of the smaller, thick-leaved species are found on dry rocks or stony places, whence the popular name of *Stonecrop* applied to several of them.

Leaves flat, broad.
- Flowers dicœcious, with 4 sepals and petals . . . . . 1. *Roseroot S.*
- Flowers hermaphrodite, in large corymbs, with 5 sepals and petals 2. *Orpine S.*

Leaves as thick, or nearly as thick, as broad.

Flowers white or reddish.
- Leaves shortly ovoid or globular.
  - Whole plant quite glabrous . . . . . 3. *English S.*
  - Calyx and pedicels with a few short, glandular hairs . . . 4. *Thick-leaved S.*
- Leaves oblong or cylindrical.
  - Glabrous perennial, with numerous short barren branches, and erect flowering stems . . . . . 5. *White S.*
  - Viscidly downy, erect annual, without barren branches . . 6. *Hairy S.*

Flowers yellow.
- Flowering stems 1 to 3 inches high. Cymes of two or three short branches.
  - Leaves ovoid or globular . . . . . 7. *Biting S.*
  - Leaves cylindrical or oblong . . . . . 8. *Tasteless S.*
- Flowering stems at least 6 inches high. Cymes two or three times divided . . . . . 9. *Rock S.*

The *S. Sieboldi*, from Japan, and some other exotic species, are to be met with in our gardens.

1. Roseroot Sedum. **Sedum Rhodiola**, DC.

(*Rhodiola rosea*, Eng. Bot. t. 508. *Roseroot. Midsummer-men.*)

Stock short, thick, and almost woody; the annual stems erect, stout, simple, 6 inches to nearly a foot high, and leafy to the top. Leaves alternate, sessile, obovate or oblong, slightly toothed, from 6 lines to an inch long, the lower ones often reduced to brown scales. Flowers dicœcious, yellow or rarely purplish, forming rather dense cymes, surrounded by the upper leaves, which often assume a yellow or purple tinge; the males with 8 stamens, rather longer than the petals and sepals; the females with 4 carpels, ending in short, spreading styles.

In clefts of rocks, in northern and Arctic Europe and Asia, and in the higher mountain-ranges of central Europe and Asia. Abundant in Scotland and in the higher mountains of northern England and Ireland, descending also to maritime cliffs in western Scotland. *Fl. summer.* The smell of the rootstock, when drying, has been compared to that of roses, whence its specific name.

2. Orpine Sedum. **Sedum Telephium,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1319. *S. purpureum*, Bab. Man. *Orpine. Livelong.*)

Rootstock perennial, the annual stems hard, erect, simple, about a foot high or rather more. Leaves scattered, obovate or oblong, and coarsely toothed; the lower ones 2 inches long or even more, and much narrowed or even stalked at the base; the upper ones often rounded at the base. Flowers numerous, purple in the British variety, forming a handsome corymb at the top of the stem. Sepals 5, short and pointed. Petals more than twice as long. Stamens 10, rather shorter than the petals.

On the borders of fields, hedge-banks, and bushy places, in northern and central Europe and Russian Asia, chiefly confined to hilly districts in the more southern portion of its area. Occurs in most of the British counties, but has been so long cultivated in cottage gardens, and is so tenacious of life, that it is difficult to say how far it is really indigenous. *Fl. summer, rather late.*

3. English Sedum. **Sedum anglicum,** Huds.

(Eng. Bot. t. 171.)

A small perennial, seldom more than 3 inches high, and quite glabrous in all its parts; the stems decumbent and much branched at the base, with short, thick, almost globular leaves, crowded on the short barren branches, more loosely scattered and occasionally opposite on the flowering ones Flowers white, occasionally tinged with pink, in a short, irregular cyme. Sepals short and green. Petals more than twice as long, lanceolate, and more or less pointed.

In rocky or stony places, usually not far from the sea, in western Europe, from Portugal to southern Norway, ascending also high into the mountains of the south-west. Abundant along the western coast of Scotland, in Wales, and in Ireland, and appears also occasionally, but rarely, on the eastern coasts of England. *Fl. summer.*

4. Thick-leaved Sedum. **Sedum dasyphyllum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 656.)

Very nearly allied to the *English S.*, but usually rather smaller, of a glaucous green, and the flowering summits more or less viscid, with short, glandular hairs; the leaves thicker, and more frequently opposite; the cymes of flowers more compact, of a dead white tinged with rose-colour; and the petals broader and not so pointed.

Much more widely spread on rocks and walls, in western, central, and southern Europe, than the *English S.*, but does not extend eastward to the Russian territory, nor northward into northern Germany. In Britain, only indicated in a few localities in southern England, with some doubt as to its being really indigenous. *Fl. summer.*

5. **White Sedum. Sedum album,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1578.)

Stock creeping and procumbent, bearing in winter short barren stems with crowded leaves, and in summer erect flowering branches, from 4 to 6 inches high, and perfectly glabrous. Leaves scattered, oblong or cylindrical, 3 to 6 lines long. Flowers of a pure white or slightly pink, rather small and numerous, in elegant terminal cymes or corymbs. Sepals short, oval, and obtuse. Petals near three times as long, oblong and obtuse.

On old walls, rocks, cottage-roofs, etc., over the greater part of Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. In Britain, perhaps truly indigenous in the Malvern Hills and in Somersetshire; in other places where it has been observed, it had probably been introduced from gardens. *Fl. summer.*

6. **Hairy Sedum. Sedum villosum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 394.)

An annual, with erect, nearly simple stems, 3 to 4 inches high; the upper part of the plant always more or less covered with short, viscid hairs, like the *thick-leaved S.* Leaves more than twice, often 4 or 5 times, as long as thick, alternate or scattered. Flowers few, of a pale, rather dingy rose-colour, in a small, rather loose, terminal cyme. Sepals ovate and green. Petals ovate, about twice as long as the calyx.

In bogs and along stony rills, in the mountains of western, central, and northern Europe, frequent in northern England and the Scotch Highlands, but not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

7. **Biting Sedum. Sedum acre,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 839. *Wall-Pepper.*)

Tufts perennial and procumbent, consisting of numerous short barren stems, and erect or ascending flowering branches, from 1 to 2 or 3 inches high; the whole plant quite glabrous, assuming a yellowish tinge, and biting to the taste when chewed. Leaves small, thick, ovoid or sometimes nearly globular, those of the barren shoots usually closely imbricated in six rows. Flowers of a bright yellow, in small terminal cymes. Sepals very short. Petals much longer, narrow-oblong and pointed.

On walls and rocks, in stony and sandy places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer.*

8. **Tasteless Sedum. Sedum sexangulare,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1946.)

Very near the *biting S.*, and by some considered as a mere variety, differing only by the more slender leaves, several times longer than thick, and by the flavour said to be less acrid.

A rather scarce plant, scattered over central and eastern Europe. Indicated in some parts of England, especially on old walls, in some of the eastern counties, but with doubts as to its being indigenous. *Fl. summer.*

9. **Rock Sedum. Sedum rupestre,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 170, and *S. glaucum*, Eng. Bot. t. 2477.)

Stock perennial and creeping, with numerous short barren shoots, 1 to 3

inches long; the terminal flowering stems ascending or erect, 6 inches to a foot high. Leaves narrow, cylindrical, with a short point, and more or less extended at the base below their point of insertion into a short spur. Flowers yellow, considerably larger than in the other British species, forming a terminal cyme of 4 or 5 to 7 or 8 recurved branches, each bearing from 3 to 5 or 6 sessile flowers. Sepals short and ovate; the petals twice as long and linear.

On old walls and stony places, in temperate and southern Europe, extending northwards to southern Sweden. In Britain, it is undoubtedly wild in several of the southern and western counties of England and in Ireland, but has besides established itself in many places where it has escaped from cultivation. *Fl. summer.* Slight varieties have been distinguished under the names of *S. reflexum* (Eng. Bot. t. 695) and *S. Forsterianum* (Eng. Bot. t. 1802), but the characters assigned, derived chiefly from the more or less crowded, closely appressed or spreading leaves of the barren shoots, are very difficult to appreciate, and appear to depend more on station than on any real difference in the plants.

IV. **HOUSELEEK.** SEMPERVIVUM.

Succulent herbs, with a perennial, often woody stock, usually larger and coarser than the *Sedums;* the thick, succulent leaves densely imbricated, on the short, often globular, barren shoots, and scattered along the erect flowering stems. Inflorescence and flowers as in *Sedum*, except that the parts of the flower are much more numerous, the sepals, petals, and carpels varying from 6 to 20 (usually 10 to 12). Stamens twice as many, but one half occasionally abortive and very small, or sometimes transformed into extra carpels. The little scales placed under the carpels are toothed or jagged, or sometimes wanting.

Besides the common one, there are a few allied species in central and southern Europe, some half-shrubby ones in the Canary Islands, and several in south-western Africa. Some of these have long been in cultivation among our garden succulent plants.

1. **Common Houseleek.** **Sempervivum tectorum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1320.)

The barren shoots form numerous, almost globular tufts, from whence, in subsequent years, arise the stout, succulent flowering stems to the height of about a foot. Leaves very thick and fleshy; the lower ones 1 to 1½ inches long, ending in a short point, and bordered by a line of short, stiff hairs; the upper ones as well as the cymes more or less clothed with a short, viscid down. Flowers pink, sessile along the spreading or recurved branches of the cyme. Petals linear, pointed, two or three times as long as the sepals, downy on the outside, and ciliate on the edges, like the leaves.

In rocky situations, in the great mountain-ranges of central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, and having been very long cultivated as a curiosity, it is widely spread over northern Europe, as an introduced plant, on cottage-roofs and old walls. It is only under such circumstances that it is to be met with in Britain. *Fl. summer.*

XXXII. THE RIBES FAMILY. RIBESIACEÆ.

This family is identical with the Linnean genus *Ribes*, and nearly allied to the exotic shrubby genera of the *Saxifrage* family, but maintained as distinct on account of the succulent fruit with parietal placentas, and the union of the styles at the base, indicating some approach to the *Cactus* family.

I. **RIBES.** RIBES.

Shrubs, with alternate, palmately veined or lobed leaves, no stipules, and axillary flowers in racemes, or rarely solitary. Calyx adherent to the ovary at the base, the limb divided into 4 or 5 segments. Petals as many, very small and scale-like, inserted at the base of the segments of the calyx. Stamens as many. Ovary inferior, 1-celled, with many ovules inserted on 2 parietal placentas. Style deeply divided into 2 or 4 lobes. Fruit a berry, filled with juicy pulp, in which the seeds are suspended by long stalks. Albumen horny, with a small, straight embryo.

A genus spread over the whole of the temperate regions of the northern hemisphere. The species are most numerous in north-western America, and a small number extend down the Andes to the southern extremity of that continent.

Stems prickly. Peduncles 1- or 2-flowered . . . . . 1. *Gooseberry R.*
Stems unarmed. Flowers in racemes.
  Flowers all complete.
    Leaves inodorous. Pedicels all short. Fruit red or white . . 2. *Currant R.*
    Leaves strongly scented. Lowest pedicels of each raceme longer than the upper ones. Fruit black . . . . . 4. *Black R.*
  Flowers dicœcious. Fruit red . . . . . 3. *Mountain R.*

The *scarlet Ribes* and several others, now frequent in our shrubberies, are natives of north-western America.

1. **Gooseberry Ribes. Ribes Grossularia,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1292, and *R. Uva-crispa*, Eng. Bot. t. 2057.)

A much branched but rather weak shrub, 3 or 4 feet high, with numerous palmately spreading prickles, either single or 2 or 3 together. Leaves small, orbicular, palmately divided into 3 or 5 crenated lobes, more or less hairy on both sides. Flowers green, hanging singly or in pairs on short pedicels from little tufts of young leaves. Calyx-tube shortly campanulate, the segments oblong, about twice the length of the petals. Berry of the wild plant rather small and yellowish, sprinkled with stiff hairs, but in cultivation varying much in size and colour, and often quite glabrous.

In thickets, open woods, and hedges, in the rocky parts of central and southern Europe, and western Asia. In Britain, well established in many places, in hedges and even wilder places, but scarcely indigenous, having been abundantly cultivated in cottage-gardens for several centuries. *Fl. early spring.*

2. **Currant Ribes. Ribes rubrum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1289, and *R. petræum*, t. 705. *Red* and *White Currants.*)

An erect, branching shrub, 3 or 4 feet high, without prickles. Leaves on rather long stalks, much larger and thinner than those of the *Goose-*

berry R., with 3 or 5 rather short and broad-toothed lobes, glabrous, or more frequently sprinkled with a few minute hairs on the upper surface, and more or less downy underneath. Flowers small, greenish-white, several together in axillary racemes at the base of the year's shoots. These racemes are either erect or pendulous when in flower, but almost always pendulous when in fruit; the pedicels all short, and do not commence at the very base of the raceme as in the *black R.*, each pedicel being in the axil of a small bract. Calyx-segments broadly spreading, obovate or rounded, twice the length of the small petals. Berries red when wild, varying in cultivation from red to white.

In rocky woods, in northern and central Europe and Russian Asia, extending to the Arctic Circle, but replaced in southern Europe and central Asia by the *R. petræum*. Frequent in Scotland, the north of England, and occurs also in some parts of southern England and Ireland, but it has been so long and so generally cultivated, that it is difficult to say how far it is really indigenous. *Fl. spring.* A variety with more upright racemes has been falsely referred to the Continental *R. petræum*, and another with the flowers almost sessile has been distinguished as *R. spicatum* (Eng. Bot. t. 1290).

3. **Mountain Ribes. Ribes alpinum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 704.)

Very near the *Currant R.*, but the leaves are smaller, more deeply divided, smooth and shining, and glabrous underneath; the flowers much smaller and always dicœcious; the males rather numerous, in little, erect racemes, of 1 to 1½ inches; the pedicels slender, but not quite so long as the bracts; the females, on separate shrubs, much fewer together, in very short racemes, and often almost sessile; the berries small and tasteless.

In rocky, hilly districts, in central and southern Europe and Russian Asia; not an alpine plant, notwithstanding its name, but said to extend to rather high northern latitudes; it may not, however, always have been properly distinguished from the *Currant R.* Rather scarce in Britain, and chiefly in central and northern England and southern Scotland; it does not extend into the Highlands, nor is it recorded from Ireland. *Fl. spring.*

4. **Black Ribes. Ribes nigrum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1291. *Black Currant.*)

Easily known by the peculiar smell of the leaves when rubbed, arising from the small, glandular dots copiously sprinkled on the under side. Stem unarmed. Leaves rather larger than in the *Currant R.*, more cordate, and usually with only three broad, crenate lobes, coarse and rough, but scarcely hairy. Racemes pendulous, looser than in the *Currant R.*; the flowers larger, campanulate, on longer pedicels, of which the lowest, arising from the very base of the raceme, are much longer than the others. Calyx rather hoary outside. Berries black.

In woods, in northern, central, and eastern Europe, and Russian and central Asia, but less common in western Europe than the two last species. In Britain, although found in cool, shady places, and boggy thickets, in various parts of England, yet it is very doubtful whether it be truly indigenous, as, like the *Gooseberry* and the *Currant*, its cultivation dates from a very early period. *Fl. spring.*

XXXIII. SAXIFRAGE FAMILY. SAXIFRAGACEÆ.

Herbs, or, in exotic genera, trees or shrubs, with alternate or opposite leaves, and no stipules. Calyx free, or more or less adherent to the ovary, with 4 or 5 (rarely more) lobes or segments. Petals as many, perigynous, or none. Stamens as many, or twice as many (rarely more), perigynous. Ovary either adherent or inserted on a broad base, either 2- or 4-celled, or 1-celled, with 2 or more parietal placentas, often lobed at the top, with as many (rarely twice as many) styles or stigmas as cells or placentas. Fruit a capsule. Seeds several, usually many, to each cell or placenta; the albumen usually copious, rarely none.

An extensive family, ranging over nearly the whole world, and including many shrubs and trees, such as the *Hydrangeas, Escallonias, Philadelphuses (Syringas), Deutzias*, etc., of our gardens, of which the British herbaceous genera can give very little idea. The characters of the Order are moreover somewhat complicated, there being several exceptions among exotic genera, besides those alluded to in the above general character, and the limits to be assigned to it are by no means satisfactorily settled. The four British genera differ from each other in many essential points, but are all distinguished from the *Rose* family by the definite stamens and want of stipules, from that and the *Crassula* family by the carpels united into a single ovary, and from the *Lythrum* family by the distinct styles and the more adherent ovary.

Petals none . . . . . 2. CHRYSOSPLENE.
Petals 5.
  Stamens 10, all bearing anthers. Styles 2 . . . . . 1. SAXIFRAGE.
  Stamens 5, bearing anthers; 5 barren, with a tuft of globular-headed filaments. Stigmas 4 . . . . . 3. PARNASSIA.
  Stamens 5 only. Styles 6 or 8 (3 or 4, each deeply 2-cleft) . . 4. SUNDEW.

I. SAXIFRAGE. SAXIFRAGA.

Herbs, either annual or more commonly with a perennial tufted stock, with radical or alternate or rarely opposite leaves, no stipules, and terminal flowers either solitary or in cymes or panicles. Calyx free, or more or less adherent at the base, with 5 teeth or segments. Petals 5. Stamens 10, inserted with the petals at the base of the segments of the calyx. Ovary 2-celled, superior or more or less inferior, with 2 distinct styles. Seeds several in each cell, with a small embryo in a fleshy albumen.

A numerous genus, consisting chiefly of mountain or rock plants, abundant in all the great mountain-chains of the northern hemisphere, some species ascending to the highest alpine or furthermost Arctic stations, others extend along the great chain of the Andes to the Antarctic circle, whilst a few descend to the hot limestone rocks of the Mediterranean region.

Leaves all opposite and small. Low, spreading plant. Flowers purple . . . . . 1. *Purple S.*
Leaves alternate or radical.
  Flowers yellow.
    Calyx spreading, adherent at the base. Stem bearing several flowers . . . . . 2. *Yellow S.*

Calyx reflexed, free. Stems 1-flowered . . . . . 3. *Marsh S.*
Flowers white or pink.
Calyx adherent at the base, the lobes erect or spreading.
Stem much branched at the base, with procumbent or densely tufted barren shoots. Leaves narrow, simple or 3-lobed.
Leaves or their lobes acute. Tufts loose . . . . . 4. *Cut-leaved S.*
Leaves or their lobes obtuse. Tufts dense . . . . . 5. *Tufted S.*
Stems simple or branched, without barren shoots at the base.
Perennials, with the radical leaves larger, and longer stalked.
Lower leaves rounded or palmate. Flowers solitary or panicled.
Lowland plant. Stem erect. Lower leaves crenate 6. *Meadow S.*
High alpine plants. Stems weak. Lower leaves angular or deeply lobed.
Petals at least twice as long as the calyx . . . . 7. *Drooping S.*
Petals scarcely exceeding the calyx . . . . . 8. *Brook S.*
Radical leaves ovate, toothed. Stem almost leafless, with a terminal head of small flowers . . . . . 10. *Alpine S.*
Annual, with narrow leaves, entire or three-lobed . . . 9. *Rue-leaved S.*
Calyx free, with reflexed divisions.
Flowers white. Leaves thin, angular or acutely toothed . 11. *Star S.*
Flowers pink. Leaves thick and leathery, crenate.
Leaves obovate, narrowed at the base . . . . . 12. *London-pride S.*
Leaves orbicular, cordate or rounded at the base . . . 13. *Kidney S.*

The large, somewhat coarse Siberian *thick-leaved Saxifrage* (*S. crassifolia*) is common among herbaceous plants in our gardens. The Chinese *S. sarmentosa*, with long, hanging runners, is often grown in pots in cottage windows; and several species from the great European mountain-ranges, form a great proportion of all cultivated collections of alpine plants.

1. **Purple Saxifrage. Saxifraga oppositifolia,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 9.)

Stems perennial, creeping, very much branched, forming low, straggling tufts, of several inches in diameter, seldom rising above an inch from the ground. Leaves crowded, small, opposite, obovate, and ciliate. Flowers rather large, handsome, and purple, often so crowded as almost to conceal the foliage, although growing singly, on very short, erect branches. Calyx-tube adhering to the ovary and capsule up to more than half its length; the segments ovate, green, erect or spreading, not half so long as the petals.

In moist alpine situations, in the higher mountain-ranges of Europe, and Russian and central Asia, extending far into the Arctic regions. Common in the Scotch Highlands, and also found, but sparingly, on some of the higher Irish, Welsh, and northern English mountains. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

2. **Yellow Saxifrage. Saxifraga aizoides,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 39.)

Stock short, sometimes tufted, the flowering stems ascending to about 6 inches high. Leaves alternate, narrow, rather thick, smooth and shining, about half an inch long, entire or rarely notched with 1 or 2 teeth. Flowers yellow, in a loose panicle of from 3 or 4 to a dozen or more. Calyx-segments not much shorter than the petals, and often narrow, like them, and almost as yellow, giving the flower the appearance of having ten petals with a broad circular disk in the centre. Capsule adhering, to about half its length, to the short tube of the calyx.

On wet rocks or gravel, along rills and springs, in almost all mountainous districts of Europe, Russian Asia, and northern America, to the Arctic Circle, descending also much lower than the last. Abundant in Scotland, the north of England, and some parts of Ireland, but apparently wanting in Wales. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

3. **Marsh Saxifrage. Saxifraga Hirculus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1009.)

Perennial stock still shorter than in the last, and often reduced to a small tuft. Leaves alternate, narrow-oblong or linear, and entire. Flowering stems ascending, as in the *yellow S.*, to about 6 inches, but terminated by a single, rather large flower; the calyx almost entirely free, with oblong, reflexed divisions, not half so long as the erect, narrow-obovate or oblong, yellow petals. Capsule rather large, ending in 2 spreading beaks.

In wet moors, at high elevations, chiefly in the mountain-ranges of eastern Europe and central and Russian Asia, and generally round the Arctic Circle; rare in western Europe. In Britain, only in a few localities in northern England, southern Scotland, and Ireland. *Fl. August.*

4. **Cut-leaved Saxifrage. Saxifraga hypnoides,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 454, *S. platypetala*, t. 2276, *S. elongella*, t. 2277, *S. hirta*, t. 2291, and *S. affinis*, Suppl. t. 2903.)

Perennial stock usually shortly creeping and rather slender, much branched, with numerous decumbent barren shoots, attaining, in moist situations, 2 or 3 inches, but sometimes contracted into a short, dense tuft. Leaves mostly entire, 2 or 3 lines long, narrow-linear and pointed, but some of the larger ones are often 3-lobed, or even 5-lobed, and attain half an inch; they are glabrous, or more or less ciliated with slender, often glandular, hairs. At the ends of the shoots, and in the axils of the leaves, the leaf-tufts are often somewhat enlarged and crowded into an oblong head or bulb. Flowering stems 3 to 6 inches high, with very few leaves, and from 1 to 6 or 8 rather large, white flowers. Calyx adherent to about two-thirds the length of the capsule; the segments not one-third so long as the petals, and usually more or less pointed.

In rather moist, rocky situations, in the mountains of western Europe, descending occasionally to low, hilly districts. Abundant in Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and northern England, but very local in the southern counties. *Fl. summer.* It is very variable in the degree of development of its stems, leaves, and flowers, in the more or less viscid hairs, and in the leaves and calyx-segments more or less pointed or almost obtuse. This has given rise to its subdivision into numerous supposed species; besides that some of its extreme varieties have been mistaken for *S. geranioides*, *S. muscoides*, and other Continental species not found in Britain.

5. **Tufted Saxifrage. Saxifraga cæspitosa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 794, and *S. palmata*, Eng. Bot. t. 455.)

Very near to the last, but never emitting the weak, procumbent barren shoots of that species; the leaves broader, more obtuse, and more frequently lobed, and the calyx-divisions also obtuse. The short, leafy stems are crowded into dense tufts; the flowering stems from 2 to 3 inches high, generally covered with a short, glandular down, and bearing 1 or 2 white flowers, smaller than in the *cut-leaved S.*

A high northern and Arctic plant. In Britain, only on some of the higher Scotch mountains, such as Ben Avers and Ben Nevis. *Fl. summer.* High alpine forms of the *cut-leaved S.* have been frequently mistaken for this plant, and are not indeed always easy to distinguish from it. The Irish variety figured (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2909) seems referable rather to the *cut-leaved* than to the *tufted S.*

6. **Meadow Saxifrage. Saxifraga granulata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 500.)

Perennial stock reduced to a cluster of small bulbs, covered with whitish or brown hairy scales. Stems erect, 6 inches to a foot high, simple or slightly branched, more or less covered with short spreading hairs, which become glandular in the upper part of the plant. Radical and lower leaves on long stalks, reniform, obtusely crenate or lobed, the upper ones few and small, more acutely lobed or entire. Flowers white, rather large, 3 to 6 together, in rather close terminal cymes. Calyx adherent to about the middle of the ovary, with rather obtuse divisions, about half the length of the petals.

In meadows, pastures, and on banks, throughout temperate Europe, extending northward into Scandinavia, and eastward into central, but perhaps not into Russian Asia. Abundant in several parts of England and southern Scotland, but scarcely penetrates into the Highlands. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

7. **Drooping Saxifrage. Saxifraga cernua,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 664.)

In many respects allied to the *meadow S.*, of which it may be a starved alpine variety. It is weaker, more glabrous, and slender ; the stock does not always form distinct bulbs ; the leaves are smaller, angular or broadly lobed, and the upper ones have often little bulbs in their axils. Flowering stems more or less drooping at the summit, with 1 to 3 flowers, rather smaller than in the *meadow S.*

At great elevations, in a few of the larger mountain-ranges of Europe and Asia, and all round the Arctic Circle. In Britain, only known on the summit of Ben Lawers, where, however, it very seldom flowers, and is now almost extinct.

8. **Brook Saxifrage. Saxifraga rivularis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2275.)

A glabrous plant, still smaller than the *drooping S.*, which it much resembles in foliage. Perennial stock small, and seldom forming bulbs ; radical leaves on long stalks, deeply 3- or 5-lobed. Flowering stems weak, only 2 or 3 inches long, with very few small leaves, and 1 to 3 flowers, like those of the *drooping S.*, but much smaller, the petals scarcely exceeding the calyx.

A high alpine or Arctic species, with nearly the same geographical range as the *drooping S.*, but usually not so scarce. In Britain, it occurs sparingly near the summit of Ben Lawers and Ben Nevis, and more abundantly on Lochnagar. *Fl. August.*

9. **Rue-leaved Saxifrage. Saxifraga tridactylites,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 501.)

A little erect annual, 2 to 5 inches high, simple or branched, and more or

less clothed with a glandular down. Radical leaves very small, entire, and stalked. Stem-leaves either entire and linear-oblong or more frequently 3-lobed. Flowers small, white, growing singly on rather long pedicels. Calyx adherent, with ovate segments not half so long as the petals.

On walls and rocks, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle. Frequent in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland, less so further north, especially on the western side. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

10. **Alpine Saxifrage. Saxifraga nivalis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 440.)

Perennial stock short and simple, but thick and hard, crowned with a tuft of spreading, obovate, toothed leaves, rather thick and leathery, and narrowed into a stalk at the base. Stems simple, erect, 2 to 5 inches high, slightly hairy in the upper part, leafless, or with 1 or 2 small leaves close under the flowers. These are small, collected together in little terminal heads. Calyx adherent to about halfway up the ovary, with shortly oblong spreading segments, about the length of the obovate, white petals.

In the mountains of northern and Arctic Europe and Asia, and on the highest of the Sudetan mountains in Bohemia. Not uncommon in the Scotch mountains, and found also, but much more sparingly, in the Lake districts of northern England, and in North Wales. *Fl. summer.*

11. **Star Saxifrage. Saxifraga stellaris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 167.)

A perennial, but the stock is small, and has often an annual appearance; it is crowned by one or more tufts of spreading leaves, rather thin, varying from oblong to obovate, with a few coarse teeth, and tapering at the base. When luxuriant these tufts are elongated into leafy branches of 1 or 2 inches. Stems erect, 3 to 6 inches, leafless, except a small, leafy bract under each pedicel. Flowers from 2 or 3 to 8 or 10, rather small, white and starlike, on slender, spreading pedicels, forming a loose terminal panicle. Calyx free almost to the base, the segments closely reflexed on the pedicel. Petals narrow and spreading. Capsule rather large, with 2 diverging beaks.

On wet rocks, and along rivulets and springs, in all the mountain-ranges of Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions, and also in northern America. Frequent in the Scotch Highlands, and found also in the mountains of northern England, North Wales, and Ireland.

12. **London-pride Saxifrage. Saxifraga umbrosa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 663, and Suppl. t. 2891. *London Pride. St. Patrick's Cabbage. None-so-pretty.*)

Perennial stock shortly branched, crowned by the spreading leaves, forming dense tufts, which in our gardens will attain near a foot in diameter. Leaves rather thick and leathery, usually glabrous, obovate, an inch or more in length, bordered with cartilaginous crenatures or coarse teeth, and narrowed at the base into a short, more or less flattened stalk, ciliated at the edges. Stems erect, leafless, 6 inches to a foot high. Flowers small, pink, elegantly spotted with a darker colour, in a loose, slender panicle. Calyx free, with short segments closely reflected on the pedicel. Petals much longer, ovate or oblong, and spreading.

In shady places, in Portugal, western Spain, and the higher Pyrenees, and reappearing in south-western Ireland. Cultivated from an early period in our gardens, it appears to have established itself in some localities in northern England and south-western Scotland. *Fl. early summer.*

13. **Kidney Saxifrage. Saxifraga Geum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1561, and Suppl. t. 2893.)

Closely allied to the *London-pride S.* in its habit and flowers, this species only differs in its leaves, which are orbicular, usually notched or cordate at the base, with long stalks, less flattened than in the last species, and usually very hairy; the leaves themselves also have often a few scattered hairs on both surfaces.

The geographical range is the same as that of the *London-pride S.*, but it appears generally to prefer lower altitudes. *Fl. early summer.* Specimens in some measure intermediate between this and the last species, with the leaves orbicular or nearly so, but not cordate, and the stalk somewhat flattened, have been gathered near Killarney. They have been published as species, under the names of *S. hirsuta* (Eng. Bot. t. 2322) and *S. elegans* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2892), whilst others consider them as hybrids. In favour of the latter supposition there appears to be but little evidence, and they are probably mere varieties of the *kidney S.*

II. **CHRYSOSPLENE.** CHRYSOSPLENIUM.

Delicate herbs, perennial and creeping at the base; the short flowering stems ascending, and often of a golden yellow at the top; with orbicular leaves, no stipules, and small yellow flowers, in short, leafy terminal cymes. Calyx adherent, with 4, or rarely 5, short, free segments. Petals none. Stamens 8, rarely 10, inserted at the base of the calyx-segments. Ovary adherent to near the top, where it is divided into 2 short, conical lobes, each with a short style, and surrounded by a crenated disk within the stamens. Capsule 1-celled, opening at the top in 2 short valves. Seeds several, attached to 2 parietal placentas. Albumen copious, with a small embryo.

A small genus, spread over the temperate and colder regions of both the northern and southern hemispheres.

Leaves opposite . . . . . 1. *Opposite C.*
Leaves alternate . . . . . 2. *Alternate C.*

1. **Opposite Chrysosplene. Chrysosplenium oppositifolium,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 490. *Golden Saxifrage.*)

The loose, leafy tufts often spread to a considerable extent; the stems scarcely rising above 4 or 5 inches from the ground, simple or forked near the top. Leaves all opposite, 3 or 4 to 6 or 8 lines in diameter, slightly crenated or sinuate, and notched at the base, with a few stiff hairs on the upper surface. Flowers small and sessile, in little, compact cymes, surrounded by leaves like those of the stem, but smaller, more sessile, and often of a golden yellow. Calyx-segments obtuse and spreading.

In moist, shady places, along the sides of rivulets, dispersed over the greater part of Europe and Russian Asia. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. spring.*

2. **Alternate Chrysosplene. Chrysosplenium alternifolium,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 54.)

Closely resembles the *opposite C.*, but is usually of a paler colour; the leaves are always alternate, and the lower ones on longer stalks, and rather more of a kidney-shape.

In similar situations as the *opposite C.*, and much more common in Continental Europe, Russian and central Asia, and northern America, extending into the Arctic regions. In Britain, on the contrary, much less common than the *opposite C.*, although pretty generally distributed. *Fl. spring.* The two species are frequently found growing together, but appear always to retain their characters.

III. **PARNASSIA.** PARNASSIA.

Herbs, with a perennial stock; entire leaves, mostly radical; and erect, annual flowering stems, usually bearing a single leaf, and a single terminal flower. - Calyx in the British species almost free, with 5 segments. Petals 5, perigynous. Stamens perigynous, 5 perfect and 5 imperfect, bearing, instead of anthers, a tuft of globular-headed filaments. Stigmas 4, rarely 3, sessile. Capsule 1-celled, opening in 4, or rarely 3, valves. Seeds very numerous, without albumen, inserted on 4, rarely 3, parietal placentas, opposite the styles, and in the centre of the valves.

A few species are inhabitants of bogs and wet places in Europe, Asia, and North America. The above characters are so well marked, that the genus is not easily confounded with any other, but its place in the Natural System has been much disputed. It has been most generally placed amongst *Thalamiflores*, with the *Sundews*, next to the *Violet* and *Milkwort* families; but its close affinity with *Saxifrage* and *Chrysosplene* has now been fully proved, especially by the recent publication of several curious Himalayan species.

1. **Marsh Parnassia. Parnassia palustris,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 82. *Grass-of-Parnassus.*)

Stock very short. Radical leaves rather long-stalked, broadly heart-shaped, glabrous as the rest of the plant. Stems 6 inches to a foot high, with a single sessile leaf below the middle. Flower white, rather large. Segments of the calyx ovate, spreading, 3 to 3½ lines long. Petals obovate, spreading, near twice that length. Imperfect stamens at the base of each petal, short and thick, with a tuft of 10 or 12 short, white filaments, each bearing a little, yellow, globular gland. Capsule globular.

In bogs and moist heaths, throughout northern Europe and Russian Asia, becoming a mountain plant in southern Europe and west-central Asia. Frequent in Britain. *Fl. end of summer and autumn.*

IV. **SUNDEW.** DROSERA.

Herbs, with long-stalked, radical leaves, covered with long, glandular hairs or bristles; the leafless flower-stems terminating in a simple or forked unilateral spike or raceme. Sepals 5, free from the ovary. Petals and stamens 5; in the British species almost hypogynous, but in many exotic

ones decidedly perigynous. Styles 3 or 4, each divided into 2. Capsule 1-celled, opening into 3 or 4 valves, sometimes split into twice that number. Seeds several, with albumen, inserted on 3 or 4 parietal placentas in the centre of the valves.

The *Sundews* are rather numerous in species, and found in nearly all parts of the globe where there are bogs. The curious glandular hairs of the leaves distinguish them from all other British genera, independently of their floral characters. Associated with a few exotic genera, all remarkable for the same glandular hairs, but differing chiefly in the number of stamens, or of the valves of the capsule, or in the insertion of the ovules, they form a distinct group, usually considered as an independent family among *Thalamiflores;* but the great majority of species have their flowers rather perigynous than hypogynous, and they appear much more naturally associated with *Saxifrages* as a somewhat anomalous tribe of that family.

Leaves obovate or orbicular, as broad as long . . . . . 1. *Common S.*
Leaves obovate-oblong, three or four times as long as broad . . . . 2. *Oblong S.*
Leaves linear-spathulate, five or more times as long as broad . . . . 3. *English S.*

1. **Common Sundew.** **Drosera rotundifolia,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. n. 867 *in the text,* 868 *on the plate.*)

Rootstock short and slender, the leaves on long stalks, nearly orbicular, 3 to near 6 lines in diameter, covered on the upper surface with long, red, viscid hairs, each bearing a small gland at the top. Flower-stems slender, erect, and glabrous, 2 or 3 to 5 or 6 inches high, the upper portion, consisting of a simple or once-forked unilateral raceme, rolled back when young, but straightening as the flowers expand. Pedicels nearly a line long, without bracts. Calyx near 2 lines. Petals white, rather longer, expanding in sunshine. Seeds spindle-shaped, pointed at both ends, the loose testa several times longer than the small, ovoid albumen.

In bogs, and wet, heathy ground, throughout central and northern Europe and Russian Asia; from northern Spain to the Arctic regions. Abundant in all parts of Britain where there are considerable bogs. *Fl. summer and early autumn.*

2. **Oblong Sundew.** **Drosera longifolia,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. n. 868 *in the text,* 867 *on the plate.*)

Distinguished from the *common S.* by the leaves much more erect, not half so broad as long, and gradually tapering into the footstalk; the flowering stem is also usually shorter, and not so slender; the styles less deeply divided, and the seeds are ovoid or oblong; the testa either close to the albumen, and taking its form, or very slightly prolonged at each end.

In bogs, with the *common S.*, but much less generally distributed both on the continent of Europe and in Britain. *Fl. summer and early autumn.*

3. **English Sundew.** **Drosera anglica,** Huds.

(Eng. Bot. t. 869.)

Very like the *oblong S.*, but the leaves are still longer and narrower, often an inch long without the stalk, the flowers and capsule larger, and the testa of the seed is loose and elongated, as in the *common S.*, but more obtuse at the ends.

In bogs, apparently spread over the same geographical range as the two other species, but being often confounded with the *oblong S.*, of which it may be a mere variety, its precise stations are not very clearly defined. In

Britain, more frequent in Scotland and Ireland than in England. *Fl. summer and early autumn.*

XXXIV. THE UMBELLATE FAMILY. UMBELLIFERÆ.

Herbs, or, in a few exotic species, shrubs, with alternate leaves, often much cut or divided; the footstalk usually dilated at the base, but no real stipules. Flowers usually small, in terminal or lateral umbels, which are either compound, each ray of the general umbel bearing a partial umbel, or more rarely simple or reduced to a globular head. At the base of the umbel are often one or more bracts, constituting the *involucre*, those at the base of the partial umbel being termed the *involucel*. Calyx combined with the ovary, either entirely so or appearing only in the form of 5 small teeth round its summit. Petals 5, inserted round a little fleshy disk which crowns the ovary, usually turned in at the point, and often appearing notched. Stamens 5, alternating with the petals. Ovary 2-celled, with one ovule in each cell. Styles 2, arising from the centre of the disk. Fruit, when ripe, separating into 2 one-seeded, indehiscent carpels, usually leaving a filiform central axis, either entire or splitting into two. This axis, often called the *carpophore*, is however sometimes scarcely separable from the carpels. Each carpel (often called a *mericarp*, and having the appearance of a seed) is marked outside with 10, 5, or fewer, prominent nerves or *ribs*, occasionally expanded into *wings*, and underneath or within the pericarps are often longitudinal channels, called *vittas*, filled with an oily or resinous substance. Embryo minute, in a horny albumen, which either fills the seed or is deeply furrowed or excavated on the inner face.

A numerous family, more or less represented nearly all over the globe; but the species are comparatively few in high northern latitudes, as well as within the tropics, their great centre being western Asia and the Mediterranean region. Their inflorescence, and the structure of their flowers, distinguish them at once from all other families, except that of the *Aralias*, and these have either more than two styles, or the fruit is a berry. But the subdivision of *Umbellifers* into genera is much more difficult. Linnæus marked out several which were natural, but without definite characters to distinguish them; and the modern genera, founded upon a nice appreciation of minute differences in the fruit and seed, are often very artificial, or still more frequently reduced to single species, and require as complete a revision as the *Crucifers* and *Composites*. These minute characters are moreover in many cases very difficult to ascertain. I have, therefore, in the following Analytical Key, endeavoured to lead to the determination of the species, as far as possible, by more salient though less absolute characters, which may

suffice in a great measure for the few British species, although, even for them, the minute variations of the fruit cannot be wholly dispensed with. For this purpose it is essential to have the fruit *quite ripe*. It must then be cut across, and if a horizontal slice is placed under a magnifying-glass, the general form, the ribs and furrows of the pericarp, and the vittæ, will clearly appear. Where the fruit is described as *laterally compressed*, this slice will assume an oval form, the division between the carpels being across the narrow diameter; where it is *flattened* from front to back, the division will be across the broadest diameter. In *Seseli* and other genera, where the fruit is not compressed, the horizontal slice will be orbicular. Where the albumen is furrowed, its transverse section will assume more or less of a half-moon or a kidney shape.

1 { Leaves undivided 2
  { Leaves palmate or pinnate, or variously dissected 3

2 { Leaves quite entire, grass-like or ovate. Flowers yellow . . . . 15. BUPLEVER.
  { Leaves rounded, crenate or peltate. Aquatic or marsh plant, with small heads or whorls of flowers . . . . . 1. HYDROCOTYLE.

3 { Leaves and globular heads of flowers very prickly . . . . . 4. ERYNGO.
  { Leaves and stems very thick and succulent . . . . . 23. SAMPHIRE.
  { Leaves neither prickly nor fleshy 4

4 { Fruit covered with prickles or bristles or hairs, or with dentate or sinuate ribs . 5
  { Fruit glabrous and smooth, or with entire ribs or wings 12

5 { Leaves orbicular or palmate. Umbels simple or irregularly compound 6
  { Leaves pinnate or much dissected. Umbels usually compound 7

6 { Flowers in small heads, without involucre. Fruit prickly . . . . . 2. SANICLE.
  { Flowers in simple or irregularly compound umbels. Involucre of many bracts. Fruit rough, with sinuate or dentate ribs . . . . . 3. ASTRANTIA.

7 { Fruit covered with bristles or prickles or hairs 8
  { Fruit glabrous, with sinuate ribs . . . . . 35. HEMLOCK.

8 { Fruit flat, with a thick border . . . . . 28. HARTWORT.
  { Fruit ovoid, not bordered 9

9 { Bracts of the involucre mostly pinnatifid . . . . . 34. CARROT.
  { Bracts of the involucre entire or none 10

10 { Umbels of more than 20 rays, with involucres of many bracts, and shortly downy fruits . . . . . 19. SESELI.
   { Umbels of few rays (seldom 10). Bracts few or none. Fruits burr-like or very hispid 11

11 { Fruit contracted at the top into a very short, smooth beak . . 32. *Burr* CHERVIL.
   { Fruit covered to the top with hooked bristles . . . . . 33. CAUCALIS.

12 { Fruit very much flattened 13
   { Fruit globular, ovoid, or shortly oblong 18
   { Fruit long and narrow, at least four times as long as broad. (Leaves much cut, and often hairy.) 46

13 { Fruit rough, surrounded by a thick edge . . . . . 28. HARTWORT.
   { Fruit smooth, with a thin or a double edge 14

14 { Fruit bordered by two thin edges or wings, which are distinct before the fruit ripens. (Tall plant, with numerous ovate segments to the leaves.) . . . 24. ANGELICA.
   { Edge of the fruit single until the carpels separate 15

15 { Leaves much dissected, with narrow or small segments . . . . 25. PEUCEDAN.
   { Leaves consisting of a few large, broad segments 16

16 { Lower leaves of three large, 3-lobed segments, equal to each other, and with stalks of equal length . . . . . 25. *Broad* PEUCEDAN.
   { Lower leaves pinnate; or, if ternate, the middle segment longer, with a longer stalk 17

17 { Flowers yellow, all small . . . . . 26. PARSNIP.
   { Flowers white, the outer petals of the umbel much larger . . . 27. HERACLEUM.

18 { Flowers yellow 19
   { Flowers white 22

19 { Leaves two or three times ternate, with large, broad segments. Fruit of 2 globular carpels . . . . . 37. SMYRNIUM.
   { Leaves pinnate or much divided. Fruit ovoid or oblong 20

20 { Leaves very finely divided into filiform segments . . . . . 18. FENNEL.
   { Segments of the leaves flat, linear-lanceolate or oblong 21

21 { Ribs of the fruit very prominent, almost winged . . . . . 21. SILAUS.
   { Ribs of the fruit scarcely prominent . . . . . 9. *Common* PARSLEY.

22 { Fertile flowers and fruits, at least the central ones, nearly sessile, surrounded by small, barren, pedicellate flowers. Fruit corky, with prominent calyx-teeth. 16. (ENANTH.
Fertile flowers pedicellate 23

23 { Leaves twice or thrice ternate, with large, broad segments (of 2 or 3 inches) . 24
Leaves once pinnate, with several pairs of sessile, ovate, lanceolate, or dissected segments 26
Leaves much dissected, with small or narrow segments, the lower ones stalked . 30

24 { Umbels all terminal and peduncled 25
Umbels mostly lateral, and sessile . . . . . 6. APIUM.

25 { No involucres . . . . . 11. GOUTWEED.
Partial involucres of several bracts, general one of very few . . . . 20. LOVAGE.

26 { No involucres . . . . . 14. PIMPINEL.
Involucres at least to the partial umbels 27

27 { Umbels terminal 28
Umbels mostly lateral, almost sessile 29

28 { Fruit ovoid, about 2 lines long or more 46
Fruit nearly globular, not 1 line long . . . . . 8. SISON.

29 { General involucre of several bracts . . . . . 13. SIUM.
No general involucre, or only a single bract . . . . . 7. HELOSCIAD.

30 { Umbels mostly lateral, almost sessile 31
Umbels all terminal or pedunculate 32

31 { Leaves with few ovate segments . . . . . 6. APIUM.
Leaves twice or thrice pinnate, with numerous small segments. 16. *Fine-leaved* (ENANTH.

32 { Erect branched annuals (not above 2 feet high) 33
Perennials or tall biennials 36

33 { Partial involucres longer than the flowers, and reflexed . . . . . 17. ÆTHUSA.
Partial involucres shorter than the flowers, or none 34

34 { Fruit globular or broader than long 35
Fruit ovoid or longer than broad 41

35 { Fruit globular, not separating into two . . . . . 38. CORIANDER.
Fruit separating into 2 small globular carpels . . . . . 8. SISON.

36 { Fruit of 2 little, globular, bladder-like lobes or carpels . . . . 36. PHYSOSPERM.
Fruit nearly globular or broader than long 37
Fruit ovoid or longer than broad 41

37 { Partial involucre of several bracts 38
No involucres 40

38 { Flowers of a yellowish green. Ribs of the fruit acute, almost winged. 21. SILAUS.
Flowers white. Ribs of the carpels obtuse, or crisped, or not prominent . . . 39

39 { Calyx-teeth appearing above the fruit. Leaf-segments narrow . . . 5. COWBANE.
Calyx-teeth not conspicuous. Leaf-segments numerous, small . . 35. HEMLOCK.

40 { Stem erect, not much branched. Leaves pinnately divided with ovate, lanceolate, or linear segments . . . . . 14. PIMPINEL.
Stem short, with spreading stiff branches. Leaves ternately divided with subulate segments . . . . . 10. TRINIA.

41 { Leaf-segments divided into numerous subulate lobes, not above 2 lines long, in opposite clusters, appearing whorled along the common stalk 42
Leaf-segments oblong-lanceolate or linear, and flat 43

42 { Common stalk of the leaf simple. Fruit not above 2 lines long . 12. *Whorled* CARUM.
Common stalk branched. Fruit 3 or 4 lines long . . . . . 22. SPIGNEL.

43 { Rootstock a globular tuber 44
Rootstock or root not tuberous 45

44 { Styles closely reflected on the fruit. Ribs of the fruit prominent. Vittas single. 12. *Tuberous* CARUM.
Styles erect. Ribs of the fruit scarcely visible. Vittas several to each interstice. 31. BUNIUM.

45 { Umbels of 3 to 5 very unequal rays . . . . . 9. *Field* PARSLEY.
Umbels of 7 to 10 rather unequal rays. Calyx-teeth not conspicuous. 12. *Caraway* CARUM.
Umbels of 10 to 20 rays. Calyx-teeth prominent . . . . . 16. (ENANTH.

46 { Fruit 10 lines to above an inch long 47
Fruit not above half an inch long 48

47 { Fruit thick, with prominent angles or ribs the whole length . . . . 30. CICELY.
Fruit slightly ribbed at the base, with a long, smooth beak . . . . 29. SCANDIX.

48 { Fruits mostly sessile or nearly so . . . . . 16. (ENANTH.
Fruits all pedicellate . . . . . 32. CHERVIL.

I. **HYDROCOTYLE.** HYDROCOTYLE.

Herbs, mostly aquatic, with leaves often peltate. Flowers in a small simple head or umbel, or in 2 or more whorls one above the other. Petals ovate. Fruit laterally compressed, the carpels flat, nearly orbicular, placed edge to edge, with one prominent rib on each side, and without any prominent calycine teeth.

A rather large genus, spread over the greater part of the globe, and, notwithstanding some rather anomalous South African species, readily known as well by its foliage and inflorescence as by its fruit.

1. **Common Hydrocotyle. Hydrocotyle vulgaris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 751. *Marsh Pennywort. White-rot.*)

The perennial slender stem creeps along the wet mud, or even floats in water, rooting at every node, and emitting from the same point small tufts of leaves and flowers. Leaves orbicular, ½ to 1 inch diameter, crenate or slightly lobed, and attached by the centre to a rather long stalk. Peduncles shorter than the leafstalks, with a single terminal head, or 2 or even 3 whorls of minute white flowers on very short pedicels. Fruits small, flat, and glabrous, about a line in diameter.

In bogs, marshes, edges of ponds and lakes, in temperate Europe, from southern Scandinavia to the Caucasus. Frequent in Britain. *Fl. summer.*

II. **SANICLE.** SANICULA.

Herbs, with a perennial rootstock; palmately divided leaves mostly radical; and erect, almost leafless stems, irregularly branched at the top, each branch ending in a very small head of flowers. Fruit ovoid, covered with short, hooked prickles, and crowned by the 5 prickly teeth of the calyx. Petals minute, obovate, with an inflected point.

A genus of very few species, but widely spread over a great part of the globe without the tropics. They are all readily distinguished among irregular *Umbellates* by their burr-like fruit.

1. **Wood Sanicle. Sanicula europæa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 98.)

Rootstock short, almost woody. Radical leaves on long stalks, 1 to 2 inches diameter, deeply divided into about 5 palmate segments or lobes, each one obovate or wedge-shaped, dentate or lobed, the teeth ending in a fine point, and often ciliate at the edge; the whole plant otherwise glabrous. Stems 1 to 1½ feet high, leafless or with small trifid leaves or bracts under the branches of the panicle. This usually consists of 3 short branches, each with a single small head of flowers, with a longer branch lower down the stem bearing 3 small heads, but sometimes there are more 3-headed branches forming an irregular umbel. At the time of flowering, the calyx-teeth almost conceal the petals; as the fruit ripens into little burrs of about 2 lines, the prickles almost conceal the calyx-teeth.

In woods, throughout Europe except the extreme north, extending eastward into central Asia. Frequent in Britain. *Fl. summer.*

III. **ASTRANTIA.** ASTRANTIA.

Herbs, with a perennial rootstock, and palmately divided leaves, mostly radical. Umbels compact, irregularly compound, with general and partial involucres of several coloured bracts. Flowers often unisexual. Fruit ovoid or oblong, somewhat compressed laterally, crowned by the long pointed teeth of the calyx. Carpels with 5 plaited or crimped ribs, and without vittas.

A small genus, extending over central and southern Europe to the Caucasus. The foliage and involucels, as well as the fruit, mark it out as a very distinct group in the family.

1. **Larger Astrantia. Astrantia major,** Linn.

Radical leaves like those of the *Sanicle*, but larger, with more pointed lobes. Stems 2 feet high or more, erect, with 1 or 2 leaves, smaller, and on shorter stalks than the radical ones. General umbel very irregular, of 3 to 5 unequal rays, the involucre of as many coloured and lobed or toothed bracts, with occasionally a bract or two below the middle of each ray. Partial umbels with an involucel of 15 to 20 lanceolate pointed bracts, quite entire, as long or longer than the flowers, either white or tinged with pink. Flowers small, mostly unisexual, the calyx-border campanulate, with 5 teeth about the length of the petals.

In woods and pastures, in central and southern Europe, not nearer to Britain than central France. Occurs apparently wild in Stokesay Wood, near Ludlow, and between Whitbourne and Malvern in Herefordshire; probably originally escaped from some old cottage-garden. *Fl. summer.*

IV. **ERYNGO.** ERYNGIUM.

Stiff, hard herbs, usually perennial, and with very prickly leaves and involucres. Flowers in a compact spike or head, with a scale or bract on the common receptacle under each flower. Petals erect, with a long inflected point. Fruit ovoid, without vittas, crowned by the pointed or prickly teeth of the calyx.

A rather numerous and very natural genus, spread over the greater part of the temperate and warm regions of the globe. In many species the whole of the upper part of the plant as well as the flowers acquire a bluish or white tint, on which account several exotic species have been frequently cultivated in our gardens.

Radical leaves rounded, the lobes plaited and toothed. Scales of the receptacle 3-lobed . . . . . 1. *Sea E.*
Leaves pinnately divided, the lobes pinnatifid and toothed. Scales of the receptacle entire . . . . . 2. *Field E.*

1. **Sea Eryngo. Eryngium maritimum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 718. *Sea Holly.*)

A stiff, erect, much branched plant, nearly a foot high, quite glabrous, and glaucous or bluish. Leaves very stiff, broad, and sinuate, more or less divided into 3 broad, short lobes, elegantly veined and bordered by coarse, prickly teeth; the radical ones stalked; the others clasping the stem by their broad bases. Heads of flowers nearly globular, of a pale blue, with an involucre of 5 to 8 leaves, like those of the stem, but much smaller and narrower, the bracts within the head divided into 3 prickles.

On the seacoasts of the whole of Europe and western Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant on the maritime sands of England, Ireland, and southern and western Scotland, and has been found as far north as Shetland. *Fl. summer, rather late.*

2. **Field Eryngo. Eryngium campestre,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 57.)

Stems not so thick, and more branched than in the *sea E.;* the leaves much more divided; the segments pinnate, with lanceolate lobes, waved and coarsely toothed, bordered and terminated by strong prickles. Heads of flowers more numerous and smaller; the involucral leaves more or less pinnately toothed; the scales or bracts within the heads narrow, and mostly entire.

In fields, waste places, and roadsides, in central and southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus and Ural, and northward to Denmark. Rare in Britain, and believed by some to be an introduced plant; among several stations formerly given, it is now only known near Plymouth, on the ballast-hills of the Tyne, and near Waterford, in Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

V. **COWBANE.** CICUTA.

Leaves dissected. Umbels compound, without any general involucre, or only 1 or 2 small bracts; the partial involucre of many bracts. Calyx-teeth prominent above the ovary. Petals white, obcordate. Fruit short, laterally compressed; each carpel nearly globular, with 5 scarcely prominent, broad, flat ribs, and single vittas under the furrows.

A genus of very few species, spread over the northern hemisphere; distinguished among the short-fruited *Umbellates* with single vittas chiefly by the prominent teeth of the calyx.

1. **Water Cowbane. Cicuta virosa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 479. *Cowbane. Water Hemlock.*)

Stem hollow, somewhat branched, attaining 3 or 4 feet. Leaves twice or thrice pinnate or ternate, with narrow-lanceolate, acute segments, 1 to 1½ inches long, bordered with a few unequal, acute teeth. General umbels of from 10 to 15 or even more rays. Bracts of the partial involucres subulate, not quite so long as the pedicels.

In wet ditches and on the edges of lakes, in northern and central Europe, Russian Asia, and northern America, disappearing in southern Europe. Very local in Britain, and never abundant, although occurring in several counties of England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

VI. **APIUM.** APIUM.

Leaves dissected. Umbels compound. No involucres. Petals entire, white, with a small, inflected point; fruit short, slightly compressed laterally, without visible calycine teeth. Carpels ovoid, with 5 slender ribs, and single vittas under the furrows, and 2 on the face, next the axis; the axis or carpophore free and entire, or shortly split at the top.

A genus which has been differently understood and characterized by

almost every botanist who has studied *Umbellates*, and which has now no claims to be considered either natural or definite. It might be made more so if extended so as to comprise *Helosciad*, and several small exotic ones.

1. Celery Apium. **Apium graveolens,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1210. *Celery.*)

In its wild state not a stout plant; quite glabrous, 1 to 2 feet high. Leaves pinnate, with 3 or 5 distinct, broad segments, crenate or 3-lobed, from 6 to 9 lines long, the upper leaves very small. Umbels small, nearly sessile on the upper branches opposite the leaves, or on very short terminal peduncles seldom 2 lines above the last leaves; divided into from 3 to 6 rays, and bearing numerous small flowers on short pedicels. Fruits very small, the vittas often very indistinct.

In marshy places near the sea, on the coasts of Europe, Africa, western Asia, and America, but not in high northern latitudes. In Britain it extends as far north as the southern counties of Scotland, and is occasionally found inland, but then mostly escaped from cultivation. *Fl. summer.* The *Celery* of our gardens is a cultivated variety, in which the leafstalk and base of the stem acquire a considerable size.

VII. **HELOSCIAD.** HELOSCIADIUM.

Leaves dissected. Umbels compound, with partial involucres, and sometimes a general one also. Flowers and fruit of *Apium*, except that there are no vittas on the face of the carpels next the axis.

A small genus, including some American, besides the European and Asiatic species, but which in a general revision would probably all be united with *Apium*.

Leaves of several pairs of ovate or lanceolate toothed segments. Rays of the umbel about 5 or 6 . . . . . 1. *Procumbent H.*

Leaf-segments few, usually lobed or divided. Rays of the umbel about 3 or 4 . . . . . 2. *Lesser H.*

1. **Procumbent Helosciad. Helosciadium nodiflorum,** Koch.

(*Sium*, Eng. Bot. t. 639.)

Stems perennial, creeping, and rooting at the base, the annual flowering branches ascending or nearly erect; attaining several feet in some situations, but usually very much shorter, the whole plant glabrous. Leaves with 3 to 10 or more pairs of ovate or lanceolate toothed segments. Umbels nearly sessile or on short peduncles, either opposite to the leaves or between the upper branches, each with 5 or 6, or rarely as many as 8 or as few as 4 rays. General involucre usually wanting, but sometimes consisting of 3 or 4 narrow-lanceolate bracts; partial involucre of several small, lanceolate bracts.

In marshy meadows, and wet ditches, in western and southern Europe; scarcely eastward of the Rhine in central Europe, but extends nearly all round the Mediterranean. Abundant in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. summer.* It varies much in size and foliage; when very luxuriant the leaf-segments are numerous, narrow, from 1 to 1½ inches long; in half-dried up, open ditches the plant is small, much branched, with 3 to 5 small, broad segments; it will then also creep much more, has the peduncles rather longer, and has been considered as a distinct

speeies (*S. repens*, Eng. Bot. t. 1431), but both forms may be oeeasionally found proeeeding from the same stock.

2. **Lesser Helosciad. Helosciadium inundatum,** Koeh.
(*Sison*, Eng. Bot. t. 227.)

A glabrous plant, ereeping and rooting at the base like the last, but much smaller, and more slender, and often half immersed in water, when the submerged leaves are divided into eapillary segments. Flowering stems 6 to 8 inehes high, with small ternate or pinnate leaves; the segments 3-toothed or 3-lobed, each lobe often again 3-toothed. Umbels on short peduneles opposite the leaves, as in the *proeumbent H.*, but generally of 2 or 3 rays only, without involucre; the partial umbels of 5 or 6 small flowers, with 2 or 3 minute braets.

In swamps, shallow ponds and pools, or half-dried mud, ehiefly in western and eentral Europe, extending northwards into southern Sweden, eastwards almost to the Asiatie frontier, but rare in the south. Generally dispersed over Britain, but easily overlooked, and consequently supposed to be more rare than is the faet. *Fl. summer.*

VIII. **SISON.** SISON.

Leaves dissected. Umbels eompound, with general and partial involueres. Petals broad, deeply notched, with an inflected point. Fruit of *Apium*, except that the axis or carpophore is deeply cleft as in *Parsley*, and the vittas are slightly thickened at the lower end.

A single speeies, formerly considered as a congener of the *Corn Parsley.*

1. **Hedge Sison. Sison Amomum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 945. *Bastard Stone Parsley.*)

An erect, glabrous annual or biennial, 2 feet high or rather more, with numerous stiff, slender brauches in the upper part. Leaves pinnate; the segments of the lower ones ovate or oblong, often an inch long, toothed or lobed, or the lower pair again pinnate; the upper leaves much smaller, with small, narrow segments, deeply 3-lobed, toothed or entire. Umbels on slender peduncles of 3 to 5 rays, with but few white flowers on short pedieels. Involucres of very few, linear bracts, those of the partial umbels smaller, and often turned to one side. Fruit scarcely above a line long, rather broader than long.

In hedges and thickets, ehiefly in western Europe, not reaehing the Rhine in eentral Europe, but spreads here and there much further eastward in the Mediterranean region. In Britain, frequent in southern England; more rare in the north, scarcely penetrating into Scotland, and not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

IX. **PARSLEY.** PETROSELINUM.

Leaves dissected. Umbels eompound, with general and partial involucres of very few braets. Petals entire. Fruit of *Apium*, except that the axis of the carpophore splits to the base when ripe.

Two European speeies, not much like eaeh other, nor yet like the few exotie ones artificially associated with them.

Tall biennial. Flowers yellow . . . . . 1. *Common P.*
Slender annual. Flowers white . . . . . 2. *Corn P.*

1. **Common Parsley. Petroselinum sativum,** Hoffm.
(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2793.)

An erect, glabrous biennial, or sometimes lasting 3 or 4 years, 1 to 2 feet high, with a thick root and stiff branches. Leaves triangular in their general outline, twice pinnate; the segments stalked, ovate, lobed and toothed; the upper leaves less divided, with narrow, often linear, entire segments. Umbels all stalked, not very large, but with 15 to 20 or even more rays; the general involucre consisting of 2 to 4 or 5 short linear bracts, the partial ones of several smaller bracts. Flowers rather small, of a greenish yellow.

A native apparently of the eastern Mediterranean region, much cultivated throughout Europe, and often establishes itself in waste places. In Britain it appears quite naturalized in maritime rocks in several parts of northern and western England. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Corn Parsley. Petroselinum segetum,** Koch.
(*Sison*, Eng. Bot. t. 228.)

A glabrous, much branched, slender annual, 9 to 18 inches high or sometimes more. Leaves chiefly radical, not unlike those of the *common Pimpinel*, but smaller, simply pinnate, with 5 to 10 pairs of sessile, ovate, toothed or lobed segments 3 to 6 lines long; the upper leaves few and small, merging into linear bracts. Umbels very irregular, the rays few and very unequal; the partial umbels containing but few flowers, some quite sessile, others on pedicels varying from 1 to 6 lines in length. Flowers small, white. Fruit 1½ to 2 lines long, often curved by the abortion of one of the carpels.

In fields and waste places, dispersed over central Europe and western Asia, but apparently wanting both in the north and in the south. In Britain only in southern and central England. *Fl. summer and autumn.* Much nearer allied in habit to the *Caraway* and to the *hedge Sison* than to *Parsley.*

X. **TRINIA.** TRINIA.

Leaves dissected. Umbels compound, without involucres, or with a single bract. Flowers dioecious. Petals entire, with an inflected point. Fruit short, somewhat laterally compressed, without visible calycine teeth. Carpels ovoid, with 5 prominent ribs, and single vittas, under or within the ribs themselves, not under the interstices, as in most *Umbellates.*

A very small genus, chiefly south European and west Asiatic, with a peculiar habit, and differing from *Apium* chiefly in the dioecious flowers, and the position of the vittas of the fruit.

1. **Common Trinia. Trinia vulgaris,** DC.
(*Pimpinella dioica*, Eng. Bot. t. 1209.)

Stock perennial, short and thick, almost woody, forming a tap-root at its base. Stems annual, erect, stiff and angular, with numerous spreading branches, 6 inches to near a foot high, the whole plant glabrous, with a glaucous hue. Leaves finely cut into stiff, narrow-linear or subulate segments; the radical ones twice pinnate, with ternate, entire segments, 3 to 6 lines long, the upper ones twice or only once ternate. Umbels small and numerous, on slender peduncles, forming a loose panicle, each with 4 to 6

rays. Flowers white, the males with much narrower petals than the females.

In dry, arid, and stony wastes, chiefly in limestone districts, in western and southern Europe to the Caucasus, scarcely extending into central Germany. Rare in Britain, and confined to the south-western counties of England and to southern Ireland. *Fl. spring or early summer.*

XI. **GOUTWEED.** ÆGOPODIUM.

Leaves dissected. Umbels compound, without any involucres. Petals broad, notched, with an inflected point. Fruit ovoid-oblong, somewhat laterally compressed, without visible calycine teeth. Carpels with 5 slender ribs and no vittas.

A single species, differing from *Carum* in habit and in the absence of vittas.

1. **Common Goutweed. Ægopodium Podagraria,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 940. *Goutweed. Bishopweed.*)

A coarse, erect, glabrous perennial, 1½ to 2 feet high, with a creeping rootstock. Radical leaves on long stalks, twice ternate; the segments ovate or ovate-lanceolate, sharply toothed, 2 to 3 inches long, the terminal ones rounded at the base, the lateral ones obliquely cordate or sometimes lobed. Stem-leaves few, less divided, with smaller segments. Umbels rather large, with 12 to 20 or even more rays, with numerous white flowers. Fruit about 2 lines long, the styles closely deflected upon it.

In moist woods and thickets, widely spread over Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Having been much cultivated for medicinal purposes, and spreading readily by its creeping rootstocks, it is not always truly indigenous, although a troublesome weed in gardens. In Britain it is common, but chiefly about houses and gardens, and therefore probably introduced. *Fl. summer.*

XII. **CARUM.** CARUM.

Leaves dissected, with narrow segments. Umbels compound, with involucres of several small bracts or none. Petals broad, notched, with an inflected point. Fruit oval-oblong, somewhat laterally compressed, without visible calycine teeth. Carpels with 5 not very prominent ribs, and 1, 2, or 3 vittas under each furrow.

A considerable genus, chiefly spread over southern Europe and central Asia, differing from *Apium* in the notched petals and the shape of the fruit.

Stock short, covered with the remains of old leafstalks. Lower leaves pinnate, with many distinct segments.
  Segments of the leaves very numerous, short, fine, and nearly equal, apparently clustered or whorled along the main leafstalk . . . 1. *Whorled C.*
  Segments gradually diminishing in length from the base to the top of the leaf . . . . . 2. *Caraway C.*
Rootstock a globular tuber. Lower leaves twice or thrice ternate . . 3. *Tuberous C.*

1. **Whorled Carum. Carum verticillatum,** Koch.

(*Sison*, Eng. Bot. t. 395.)

Perennial stock short and thick, covered with the decayed bases of old

leafstalks, the fibrous roots slightly thickened, the erect annual stems 1 to 1½ feet high. Leaves mostly radical, consisting of from 12 to 20 pairs of opposite segments, about 2 or 3 lines long, divided to the base into a number of fine subulate lobes, so as to appear like whorls or clusters of segments placed at regular distances along the common stalk, the whole leaf being 4 to 6 inches long. Stem-leaves similar but few and small. Umbels terminal, not large, of 8 or 10 rays. Involucres, both general and partial, of several very small, linear bracts.

In heaths and bogs, in western Europe, from the Spanish Peninsula to Belgium. In Britain, common in some parts of Wales and Ireland, and in western Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

2. **Caraway Carum. Carum Carvi,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1503. *Caraway.*)

A biennial, forming a tap-root, and perhaps occasionally a perennial stock. Stem erect, branched, 1½ to 2 feet high. Leaves with a rather long sheathing footstalk, pinnate, with several pairs of segments, which are sessile, but once or twice pinnate, with short linear lobes; in a leaf of 3 or 4 inches, the lowest or next to the lowest segments are about ¾ of an inch long, the others diminishing gradually to the top. Upper leaves smaller and less divided. Umbels of about 8 or 10 rays, either without involucres or with 1 or 2 small linear bracts. Carpels (commonly called *Caraway-seeds*) about 2 lines long, linear-oblong, and usually curved, with the ribs prominent.

In meadows, and moist pastures, in the greater part of Europe and Russian and central Asia, from the Arctic regions to the Mediterranean and Himalaya, more rare in western Europe. Occurs in many parts of Britain; if not truly indigenous, at any rate well naturalized, having been long cultivated for its aromatic carpels. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

3. **Tuberous Carum. Carum Bulbocastanum,** Koch.

(*Bunium,* Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2862.)

Resembles the *tuberous Bunium,* and, like that species, the stock forms globular, underground tubers, known by the name of *Earthnuts* or *Pignuts.* Radical leaves (which usually disappear at the time of flowering) twice or three times ternate; the segments all stalked and pinnately divided into a small number of linear lobes, less unequal than in the *tuberous Bunium.* Involucres always present, consisting of a few very fine bracts. Carpels like those of the *Caraway,* but more slender, with the ribs rather less prominent, although more so than in the *tuberous Bunium,* and the face of the seed is flat or slightly concave, not furrowed as in the *Bunium.* Vittas single under each interstice.

In dry pastures, on banks, roadsides, etc., especially in limestone districts, in central and southern Europe, and central Asia, scarcely extending into central Germany. In Britain, not generally diffused, but said to be abundant in some parts of Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire, and adjoining counties. Not recorded from Ireland. *Fl summer.*

XIII. **SIUM.** SIUM.

Leaves pinnate. Umbels compound, with general and partial involucres. Calyx-teeth often prominent. Petals white, notched with an inflected point.

Fruit broadly ovoid, somewhat compressed laterally. Carpels with 5 slender ribs, and several vittas under each interstice.

A small genus spread over almost all temperate regions of the globe; resembling *Apium* in the shape of the fruit, but with the calyx-teeth usually prominent as in *Cowbane*, and differing from both in the more numerous vittas.

Stem usually 3 or 4 feet. Umbels all terminal; rays usually 15 to 20 . 1. *Broad S.*
Stem much branched, seldom above 2 feet. Umbels mostly lateral; rays usually 10 to 15 . . . . . 2. *Lesser S.*

1. **Broad Sium.** **Sium latifolium,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 204. *Water Parsnip.*)

A glabrous perennial, with a creeping rootstock, and stout erect stems 2 to 4 feet high. Lower leaves very long, with 6 to 10 pairs of ovate-lanceolate segments, sessile on the common stalk, toothed or rarely slightly lobed, often 2 to 4 inches long; the upper leaves shorter, with fewer and smaller segments. Umbels rather large, of 15 to 20 rays, and all terminal. Involucres, both general and partial, of several lanceolate bracts, often toothed. Fruits about 1½ lines long and broad, the small pointed teeth of the calyx usually very distinct.

In wet ditches and on the edges of streams, throughout Europe, except the extreme north; replaced in Asia by a closely allied species or variety. In Britain, not unfrequent in southern and central England and in Ireland, more rare in the north, and very local in southern Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Lesser Sium.** **Sium angustifolium,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 139.)

Resembles the *broad S.*, but is not so tall, more branched and leafy, seldom 2 feet high, and in dried-up ditches often less than a foot, and decumbent. Segments of the leaves smaller, 8 to 10 pairs in the lower leaves, fewer in the upper ones, from ovate to ovate-lanceolate, more deeply and sharply toothed or lobed than in the *broad S.* Umbels more numerous, smaller, on shorter pedunceles, mostly lateral, with 8 to 12 or 15, rarely more, rays. Involucral bracts varying from broad-lanceolate to linear, often toothed. Fruit smaller than in the *broad S.*, the ribs less prominent, the vittas less superficial, the calyx-teeth very minute.

In wet ditches, and shallow streams, throughout temperate and southern Europe and western Asia, from south Sweden to Persia. In Britain, rather more common than the *broad S.* in the greater part of England and Ireland, but becoming scarce in northern England and southern Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

XIV. **PIMPINEL.** PIMPINELLA.

Leaves dissected. Umbels compound, without involucres. Petals broad, notched with an inflected point. Fruit short, somewhat laterally compressed, without visible calycine teeth. Carpels with 5 scarcely prominent ribs, 2 or 3 vittas under each interstice, and several vittas on the inner face.

The genus, as now usually limited, contains a considerable number of species, chiefly from the Mediterranean region and west-central Asia. The shape of the fruit is nearly that of *Apium*, but the ribs are much less prominent, and the vittas more numerous.

Segments of the lower leaves either nearly orbicular or very much divided . . . . . 1. *Common P.*
Segments of most of the leaves ovate or lanceolate; the teeth or lobes very pointed . . . . . 2. *Greater P.*

The *Aniseed* is the fruit of a species of this genus (*P. Anisum*).

1. **Common Pimpinel. Pimpinella Saxifraga,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 407. *Burnet Saxifrage.*)

Stock short and thick, but not tuberous. Stems erect, 1 to 2 feet high, not much branched, glabrous or downy at the top. Leaves very variable, the radical ones usually pinnate, with 7 to 9 pairs of broadly ovate or orbicular segments, 6 to 9 lines long, toothed or lobed; the upper leaves small, their segments divided into a few narrow, or even linear lobes: sometimes all, even the radical leaves, have their segments once or twice pinnate, with narrow lobes; sometimes, again, the few stem-leaves are, like the radical ones, simply pinnate, but much smaller, or reduced to simple bracts. Umbels terminal, with from 10 to 15 rather slender rays; the flowers white.

In pastures, on banks, roadsides, etc., throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. all summer.*

2. **Greater Pimpinel. Pimpinella magna,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 408.)

Very near the *common P.*, and perhaps a mere variety. It is much larger in all its parts; the stems often more than 2 feet high, and stouter; the segments of the leaves usually undivided, ovate or lanceolate, often 1 to 1½ inches long, with more pointed teeth, or, if divided, the lobes much longer and more pointed than in the *common P.*, the flowers frequently pink, in larger umbels, and the fruit also larger.

The general range is nearly the same as that of the *common P.*, but it is more frequent in mountainous districts and shady situations, or rich soils. In Britain, chiefly in southern and eastern England and southern Ireland. *Fl. summer, rather late.* It is probable that a further study of intermediate forms, which are frequent in the south of Europe, will induce its reunion with the *common P.* as a marked variety.

XV. **BUPLEVER.** BUPLEVRUM.

Leaves quite entire. Umbels compound, or sometimes small and irregular, with partial and usually also general involucres. Petals broad, entire, yellow. Fruit ovoid or oblong, somewhat laterally compressed, without visible calycine teeth. Carpels with 5 more or less prominent ribs, with or without vittas.

A considerable genus, widely diffused over the temperate regions of the old world, and one of the few natural ones among *Umbellates*, but distinguished more by its entire leaves, with parallel veins and yellow flowers, than by the carpological characters, which in different species correspond to different short-fruited genera.

Leaves broad and perfoliate. Bracts of the partial involucres broadly ovate . . . . . 1. *Hare's-ear B.*
Leaves narrow and grasslike.
Annuals. Rays of the umbel few, very short, or inconspicuous.
Umbels of 3 or 4 short rays. Bracts lanceolate, longer than the flowers . . . . . 2. *Narrow B.*
Flowers 2 or 3 together, in little heads along the slender wiry stems. Bracts very small . . . . . 3. *Slender B.*
Perennials. Umbels of 4 to 8 rays. Bracts shorter than the rays . 4. *Falcate B.*

The *B. fruticosum*, a shrubby south European species, used formerly to be much planted in our shrubberies, but is now more seldom met with, being rather tender.

1. **Hare's-ear Buplever. Buplevrum rotundifolium,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 99. *Hare's-ear* or *Thorow-wax.*)

An erect, stiff, glabrous annual, a foot or rather more high, and remarkable for its broadly ovate leaves; the upper ones embracing the stem, and joined round the back of it, so that they appear *perfoliate* or pierced through by the stem, the lowest leaves tapering to a stalk. Umbels terminal, of 3 to 5, or rarely 6, short rays, without any general involucre; the partial involucres very much longer than the flowers, consisting of 4 to 6 broadly ovate, yellowish bracts very unequal in size, the largest about 6 lines long.

A cornfield weed, apparently indigenous to the Mediterranean region, but now widely spread over Europe and western Asia, and introduced into North America. Occurs not unfrequently in cornfields in chalky soils in England, but neither in Ireland nor Scotland. *Fl. with the corn.*

2. **Narrow Buplever. Buplevrum aristatum,** Bartl.
(*B. Odontites*, Eng. Bot. t. 2468.)

An erect annual, slender but stiff, not much branched, from 2 or 3 inches to near a foot high. Leaves narrow-linear and grasslike, but rather stiff, 1 to 2 inches long. Umbels small, terminal, of 2 to 6 very short rays. Involucres of about 5 lanceolate, green bracts ending in a fine point; the general one usually longer than the rays; the partial ones rather shorter, but still far exceeding the flowers.

In stony wastes, very abundant in southern Europe and eastward to the Caucasus, more scarce in central Europe. In Britain, only in the neighbourhood of Torquay, and in the Channel Islands. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Slender Buplever. Buplevrum tenuissimum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 478.)

A slender, wiry annual, either simple and nearly erect, or more frequently divided from the base into several decumbent or ascending branches, 6 inches to a foot high. Leaves few, narrow-linear and grasslike, the upper ones very short. Flowers in little heads of 3 or 4, nearly sessile along the upper part of the stem and branches, sometimes forming little, irregularly compound umbels at the top. Involucres of a few small, linear, pointed bracts. Fruits more conspicuous than in the other species, and covered with little raised dots or granules between the ribs.

On heaths, barren wastes, and stubbles, common in central and southern Europe, especially near the sea, extending eastward to the Caucasus, and northwards to southern Sweden. Occurs in most of the maritime counties of England, and occasionally also found inland, but neither in Ireland nor Scotland. *Fl. late in summer.*

4. **Falcate Buplever. Buplevrum falcatum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2763.)

Stems stiff and erect, slightly branched, 1 to 1½ feet high, forming at the base a short perennial stock. Leaves linear and grasslike, the radical ones often stalked and rather broader. Umbels terminal and compound, of 4 to 8 rays; the general involucre of 3 or 4 oblong or lanceolate bracts, very

much shorter than the rays; those of the partial involucres also lanceolate, of a yellowish green, scarcely as long as the flowers.

In open woods, bushy wastes, and heaths, abundant in the hilly districts of central and southern Europe, and in central and temperate Russian Asia, but scarcely further to the north than southern Belgium. In Britain, only on Norton Heath, near Ongar, in Essex. *Fl. August.*

XVI. **ŒNANTH.** ŒNANTHE.

Leaves dissected. Umbels compound, with partial and sometimes also general involucres, of several small, narrow bracts. Flowers of the circumference usually barren and with larger petals; the fertile ones in the centre sessile, or on very short, often thickened pedicels. Petals notched, with an inflected point. Fruits from ovate to narrow-oblong, crowned with the 5 small calycine teeth. Carpels somewhat corky, with 5 obtusely convex ribs, and single vittas under the furrows.

A rather natural genus, spread over Europe, Asia, and North America, most of the species frequenting wet meadows, and marshes, or even growing in water.

Segments of the upper leaves few, long and linear.
- Stems very hollow. Central umbel fertile, of 3 rays; those of the branches barren, of several rays . . . . . 1. *Common Œ.*
- Stems nearly solid. All the umbels of several rays, with fertile and barren flowers . . . . . 2. *Parsley Œ.*

Segments of the stem-leaves numerous, broadly cuneate, or short and oblong.
- Umbels terminal and large. Segments of the leaves at least half an inch long . . . . . 3. *Hemlock Œ.*
- Umbels mostly opposite to the leaves. Leaf-segments small . . . 4. *Fine-leaved Œ.*

1. **Common Œnanth. Œnanthe fistulosa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 363. *Water Dropwort.*)

Stock (probably the offset of the previous autumn) emitting creeping runners, with a cluster of fibrous roots, usually more or less thickened into oblong tubers. Stems thick and very hollow, erect, 2 to 3 feet high, and slightly branched. Radical leaves twice pinnate, with small cuneate segments divided into 3 or 5 lobes; those of the stem have long stalks, hollow like the stems, and bear only in their upper extremity a few pinnate segments with linear lobes. Umbels terminal, the central one on the main stem has only 3 rays, each with numerous sessile fertile flowers, and few or no pedicellate barren ones; those which terminate the branches have usually 5 rays, their flowers all pedicellate and barren. Partial involucres of a few small narrow bracts, the general one either entirely wanting or reduced to a single bract. Fruits in compact globular heads, each one full 2 lines long, narrowed at the base, and crowned by the stiff, narrow teeth of the calyx, and the still longer, rigid styles.

In wet meadows, and marshes, dispersed over temperate Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus, and northward into southern Sweden. Common in England and Ireland, but only in the southern counties of Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

2. **Parsley Œnanth. Œnanthe pimpinelloides,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 347 and 348. *Œ. Lachenalii* and *Œ. silaifolia*, Brit. Fl.)

A perennial, with clustered fibrous roots, swelling into round, ovoid, or

oblong tubers, at a greater or less distance from the stock, or, in very wet places, remaining sometimes slender throughout. Stems erect, firmer and more solid than in the *common Œ.*, 1 to 2 feet high or sometimes more, with a few long branches. Leaves much more divided than in the last species, but very variable; the upper ones usually with long, narrow segments, those of the radical leaves much shorter and broader, and sometimes very numerous. Umbels of 8 to 15 rather short rays; the general involucre of a few small, linear bracts, or sometimes wanting; the partial ones of several small, linear bracts. The fertile sessile or shortly pedicellate flowers, and the distinctly pedicellate barren ones, are mixed in the same umbels; the persistent styles on the ripe fruits much shorter than in the *common Œ.*

In meadows, pastures, and marshes, throughout central and southern Europe, extending northwards to the Baltic, and eastward to the Caucasus. Abundant in many parts of England and Ireland, but does not penetrate far into Ireland. *Fl. summer and autumn.* The great variations in the tubers of the roots and in the form of the radical leaves has induced its division into two, three, or four species. These differences have, however, been shown to depend often on soil and situation; at the same time rather more constant differences have been pointed out in the fruiting umbels, although even here intermediate states show that the two following should be considered rather as marked varieties than as true species.

a. *Meadow Parsley Œ.* (*Œ. pimpinelloides*, Brit. Fl.) Flowers assuming occasionally a faint tinge of yellowish-green. Fruiting pedicels (although very short) enlarged at the top so as to form a callosity round the base of the fruit, which is itself fully as broad at the base as at the top. In dry or moist, but not marshy meadows and pastures, and the commonest form in inland situations.

b. *Marsh Parsley Œ.* (*Œ. Lachenalii*, Brit. Fl.) Flowers of a purer white; the fruiting pedicels less conspicuous, but little enlarged at the top; the fruits either cylindrical or narrowed at the base. In wet marshes, and especially in maritime salt-marshes.

3. **Hemlock Œnanth. Œnanthe crocata**, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2313.)

A stout, branched species, attaining 3 to 5 feet; the root-fibres forming thick, elongated tubers close to the stock; the juice both of the stem and roots becoming yellow when exposed to the air. Leaves twice or thrice pinnate; the segments much larger than in the other species, always above half an inch long, broadly cuneate or rounded, and deeply cut into 3 or 5 lobes. Umbels on long, terminal peduncles, with 15 to 20 rays, 2 inches long or more; the bracts of the involucres small and linear, several in the partial ones, few or none under the general umbel. The pedicellate flowers at the circumference of the partial umbels are mostly but not always barren, the central fertile ones almost sessile. Fruit somewhat corky, the ribs broad and scarcely prominent.

In wet ditches, and along rivers and streams in western Europe, extending eastward into Italy, but not into central France. Common in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Fine-leaved Œnanth. Œnanthe Phellandrium**, Lam.

(*Phellandrium aquaticum*, Eng. Bot. t. 684.)

Stem rooting at the base, and either thickened and erect, or elongated and

creeping, or floating, according to the situation it grows in, the flowering branches erect or ascending. Stem-leaves twice or thrice pinnate, with small oblong and entire, or cuneate and lobed segments; or, when under water, all the lobes are narrow and long, sometimes capillary. Umbels much smaller than in the *Hemlock Œ.*, and almost all on very short peduncles, either opposite to the leaves or in the forks of the branches. Rays seldom above 12. No general involucre, and but very small, narrow bracts to the partial ones. Fruits rather different from those of the other species, being shortly pedicellate, cylindrical, with scarcely prominent, broad ribs, and the calycine teeth very minute.

In wet ditches, ponds, and along rivers and streams, throughout the temperate parts of Europe and Russian Asia. Not uncommon in England, but very rare in Scotland. *Fl. summer.* A variety growing usually in deeper or running water, with the lower part of the stem much elongated and slender, has been distinguished as a species, under the name of *Œ. fluviatilis* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2944).

XVII. **ÆTHUSA.** ÆTHUSA.

Leaves dissected. Umbels compound, with partial involucres. Petals white, notched, with an inflected point. Fruit ovoid, not laterally compressed, without visible calycine teeth. Carpels with 5 thick, prominent ribs, and narrow furrows, with a vitta under each.

A single species, differing from *Seseli* more in habit than in character.

1. **Common Æthusa. Æthusa Cynapium,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1192. *Fool's Parsley.*)

An erect, glabrous, leafy annual, 1 to 2 feet high, with forked branches, emitting a nauseous smell when rubbed. Leaves of a bright green, twice or thrice pinnate, the segments ovate-lanceolate, more or less deeply cut into narrow lobes. Umbels on long peduncles, either terminal or opposite to the leaves, of 8 to 12 rays, usually without general involucres. Partial involucres of 2 or 3 long, linear bracts, turned downwards towards the outside of the umbels, a character peculiar to this species among British *Umbellates.* Fruit about 1½ lines long, with very small reflected styles.

A common weed in fields and gardens, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in England, but does not appear to extend far north into Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

XVIII. **FENNEL.** FŒNICULUM.

Leaves finely dissected. Umbels compound, without involucres. Petals yellow, entire, inflected at the top, but not pointed. Fruit oval, slightly compressed laterally, without visible calycine teeth. Carpels with 5 prominent ribs, and single vittas under the furrows.

A single, or perhaps two species, with the yellow flowers and habit of *Anethum* (or *Dill-seed*), from which it has been separated, as having the fruit somewhat laterally compressed, not flattened from front to back.

1. **Common Fennel. Fœniculum vulgare,** Gærtn.

(*Anethum Fœniculum*, Eng. Bot. t. 1208.)

Stock perennial, but usually of short duration. Stems erect, branched,

2 or 3 feet high, or when cultivated, still taller. Leaves 3 or 4 times pinnate, with very narrow, linear or subulate segments, rather stiff in dry situations, very slender when cultivated. Umbels rather large, of 15, 20, or more rays, more or less glaucous. Fruit about 3 lines long, the vittas very conspicuous.

On dry, rocky banks, apparently of south European origin, but has long been much cultivated, and establishes itself readily in stony or arid hilly situations, especially near the sea, so that it is now generally diffused over temperate Europe and western Asia. Occurs in many parts of Britain, and may be even indigenous on some points of the coasts of England. *Fl. late in summer, and autumn.*

XIX. **SESELI.** SESELI.

Leaves dissected. Umbels compound, with partial and sometimes general involucres of several bracts. Petals white, usually notched, with an inflected point. Fruit ovoid or oblong, not compressed, the calycine teeth usually prominent. Carpels with 5 prominent, often thick ribs, and single, or rarely 2 or more vittas under each furrow.

A considerable genus, widely spread over the northern hemisphere in the old world. The British species belongs to a section differing from the more common ones in habit, and in the hairy fruit, and is united by some with the southern genus *Athamanta*, by others considered as an independent genus under the name of *Libanotis.*

1. **Mountain Seseli. Seseli Libanotis,** Koch.

(*Athamanta*, Eng. Bot. t. 138.)

Stock perennial, short, covered with the decayed remains of old leafstalks. Stems stout, erect, 1 to 2 feet high, slightly branched. Leaves chiefly radical, thrice pinnate, with small ovate or lanceolate, pinnately lobed segments; the stem-leaves few, and much smaller. Umbels of 20 to 30 or more rays, with numerous narrow bracts, both to the general and the partial involucres. Flowers white, crowded. Fruits always hairy, and there is often a minute whitish down on the stems, petioles, and umbels.

In hilly pastures, in central and eastern Europe and Russian Asia, less frequent in the west, and wanting in the south. In Britain, limited to the counties of Hertford, Cambridge, and Sussex. *Fl. summer.*

XX. **LOVAGE.** LIGUSTICUM.

Leaves dissected. Umbels compound, with partial involucres of many bracts. Petals white, notched, with an inflected point. Fruit ovoid or oblong, not compressed, the calycine teeth scarcely distinct. Carpels with 5 very prominent acute ribs, almost expanded into wings, and several vittas under each furrow.

A genus of several European, Asiatic, and North American species, chiefly mountain plants, differing from *Seseli* in the acute ribs of the fruit, and indistinct calycine teeth.

1. **Scotch Lovage. Ligusticum scoticum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1207.)

Stock perennial, descending into a tap-root. Stem erect, glabrous, thick

and hollow, 1 to 2 feet high, slightly branched. Lower leaves on long stalks, deeply divided into 3, each branch bearing 3 broadly ovate or obovate toothed segments, or 1 segment deeply divided into 3 lobes, each segment above an inch long. Upper leaves less divided, with short stalks. Umbels of 12 to 20 rays, with a general involucre of 2 or 3 very narrow braets, and more numerous ones to the partial umbels. Fruits near 4 lines long.

A high northern plant, extending all round the Arctic Circle. Common on the rocky seacoasts of Scotland and northern Ireland, descending also to the north of England. *Fl. summer.*

XXI. **SILAUS.** SILAUS.

Leaves dissected. Umbels compound, with partial involucres of several bracts. Flowers yellowish. Petals scarcely notched. Fruit of *Lovage*, but with the ribs scarcely acute.

A genus of two or three European and Asiatic species, but slightly differing from *Lovage* chiefly in the colour of the flowers.

1. **Meadow Silaus. Silaus pratensis,** Bess.

(*Peucedanum Silaus*, Eng. Bot. t. 2142. *Pepper Saxifrage.*)

A glabrous, erect perennial, 1 to 2, or sometimes near 3 feet high, slightly branched. Leaves once, twice, or three times pinnate; the segments not numerous, narrow-oblong, ½ to 1 inch long, entire or 3-lobed. Umbels all terminal, not large, of about 6 to 8 rays. General involueres usually of 1 or 2 small braets, with several small narrow-linear ones to the partial umbels. Flowers of a pale greenish-yellow. Carpels about 2 lines long.

In meadows, and moist, bushy pastures, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. In Britain, spread over England and southern Scotland, but scarce in the western counties and in Ireland. *Fl. summer, rather late.*

XXII. **SPIGNEL.** MEUM.

Leaves finely dissected. Umbels compound, with partial involueres of several bracts. Petals white or pink, entire, with an incurved point. Fruit oblong, without distinct calycine teeth. Carpels with 5 prominent, acute ribs, and 2 or 3 vittas under each furrow.

A genus of two or three European species, differing by characters of very little importance from *Lovage*, with which some botanists unite it.

1. **Common Spignel. Meum Athamanticum,** Jacq.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2249. *Spignel*, *Meu*, or *Baldmoney.*)

Stock short, perennial, with a tuft of radical leaves; their segments deeply cut into numerous very fine, but short lobes, so as to have the appearance of being whorled or clustered along the common stalk, as in the *whorled Carum*, but the stalk itself is once or twice pinnately divided, not simple as in that plant. Stems 1 or rarely near 2 feet high, with a very few smaller and less divided leaves. Umbels terminal, not large, of 10 to 15 rays, with one or two narrow bracts to the general one, and partial involucres of a small number of short, slender braets. Fruits about 4 lines long.

In mountain pastures, in western and central Europe, not extending eastward beyond the Russian frontier, nor northward into Scandinavia. Not unfrequent in the Scotch Highlands, in northern England and North Wales, but not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

XXIII. **SAMPHIRE.** CRITHMUM.

Leaves succulent, dissected. Umbels compound, with general and partial involucres. Petals entire. Fruit ovoid, not compressed, without distinct calycine teeth. Carpels of a thick, succulent or somewhat corky consistence, with 5 acute ribs, becoming prominent when dry, but not winged; the vittas numerous, slender, and irregular. Seeds loose in the cavity, with numerous fine vittas on the outside.

A single species, very different from any other British *Umbellate*, but closely allied to the large Mediterranean and Asiatic genus *Cachrys*, with which some botanists unite it.

1. Sea Samphire. **Crithmum maritimum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 819.)

A perfectly glabrous perennial, seldom above a foot high, almost woody at the base; the young branches, foliage, and umbels, thick and fleshy. Leaves twice or thrice ternate, with thick linear segments about an inch long. Umbels of 15 to 20 or even more rays. Involucres of several small linear or lanceolate bracts. Petals very minute, and soon disappearing. Fruits about 3 lines long.

In clefts of rocks, close to the sea, on the western coasts of Europe and northern Africa, and extending along the Mediterranean to the Black Sea. Abundant in southern and western England and southern Ireland, but becomes rare in northern England and Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

XXIV. **ANGELICA.** ANGELICA.

Leaves dissected. Umbels compound, with partial involucres of several bracts. Petals white, entire. Fruit flattened from front to back; the carpels broad, with 3 ribs on the back, the edges expanded into wings, those of the two carpels distinct before they separate, so that the fruit is surrounded by a double wing.

A genus of few species, dispersed over Europe, Asia, and North America, distinguished from all other British *Umbellates* by the double wing round the fruit.

1. Wild Angelica. **Angelica sylvestris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1128.)

A tall, stout, branching perennial, attaining 3 or 4 feet in height, with thick stems, slightly downy in the upper part. Lower leaves large, twice pinnate, with ovate-lanceolate segments, often above 2 inches long, sharply toothed, and sometimes 3-lobed; the upper leaves shorter stalked, with fewer segments, those under the peduncles often reduced to a broad sheath, with a few small segments at the top. Umbels large, terminal, those of the main stems often with 30 or 40 rays. General involucre of 2 or 3 linear bracts; partial ones of several fine, short bracts.

In moist woods, and marshy places, especially near streams, throughout Europe and Russian Asia to the Arctic regions. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. late in summer.*

The *garden Angelica* (*A. Archangelica*, Eng. Bot. t. 2561), a native of northern and eastern Europe, long cultivated for confectionery, is not wild in Britain.

XXV. **PEUCEDAN.** PEUCEDANUM.

Leaves dissected. Umbels compound, with partial involucres of many bracts. Petals white or yellowish, entire or notched, with an inflected point. Fruit flattened from front to back; the calycine teeth very small or indistinct. Carpels broad, with 3 prominent ribs on the back, the edges expanded into a wing, those of the two carpels so close as to form a single edge to the fruit before the carpels separate. Vittas single under the furrows.

A large genus, widely spread over Europe, Asia, and North America, scarcely differing from *Heracleum* except in the more evident ribs of the carpels, the more slender vittas, and generally in habit.

Segments of the leaves narrow-oblong or linear.
Leaves several times ternate. Flowers yellowish . . . . . 1. *Sea P.*
Leaves twice or three times pinnate. Flowers white . . . . . 2. *Marsh P.*
Leaves of 3 broad segments, each 3 inches long, and often 3-lobed . . . 3. *Broad P.*

The *Dillseed* (*Anethum graveolens*), often cultivated as a condiment, has the fruit of a *Peucedan* with the fine leaves of a *Fennel.*

1. **Sea Peucedan. Peucedanum officinale,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1767. *Hog's Fennel* or *Sulphur-weed.*)

A glabrous perennial, with erect, branching stems, 2 or even 3 feet high. Leaves 3, 4, or 5 times ternate, with narrow-linear entire segments, often above 2 inches long. Umbels large, of 20 or more rays, with pale yellow flowers. Bracts of the general involucre very few or wanting; those of the partial involucre very narrow and shorter than the pedicels. Fruit broadly oval, near 3 lines long.

In meadows and moist pastures, in central and eastern Europe and Russian Asia, or near the sea in western Europe. Scarce in Britain: forms of the *parsley Œnanth* or of the *meadow Silaus* have been so frequently mistaken for it, that the only certain stations for the true *Peucedan* are the salt-marshes of Kent and Essex. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

2. **Marsh Peucedan. Peucedanum palustre,** Mœnch.

(*Selinum*, Eng. Bot. t. 229. *Hog's Fennel* or *Milk Parsley.*)

Tall and erect like the last, but often hairy at the base, and the juice is milky. Leaves twice or thrice pinnate rather than ternate, with much shorter segments, varying from oblong to linear, and seldom exceeding half an inch. Umbels not so large as in the *sea P.*, although consisting of as many rays. Flowers white. Involucres, both general and partial, of several lanceolate or linear bracts, with fine points. Fruit broadly oval, about 2 lines long.

In wet meadows and marshes, in central, eastern, and northern Europe, and Russian Asia, to the Arctic Circle. Apparently wanting in western France although it extends into Spain. Like the *sea P.* very local in

Britain and only known for certain in the marshes of eastern England, from Suffolk to Yorkshire. *Fl. late in summer.*

3. **Broad Peucedan. Peucedanum Ostruthium,** Koch.

(*Imperatoria*, Eng. Bot. t. 1380. *Masterwort.*)

Stock perennial, with stout, erect stems, 2 to 3 feet high. Leaves divided into 3 large, broad segments, which are again deeply 3-lobed and coarsely toothed, 3 to 4 inches long, and often rather rough with a few short hairs, but much less so than in *Heracleum;* the lateral segments descend much lower along the leafstalk on the outer than on the inner side. Umbels large, terminal, of 40 or 50 rays, without any general involucre, and only a few very slender small bracts to the partial ones. Flowers white. Fruit nearly orbicular, about 2 lines diameter.

A native of mountain pastures in central Europe; formerly much cultivated as a pot-herb, and now naturalized in several parts of northern Europe as well as in the north of England and in Scotland. *Fl. early summer.*

XXVI. **PARSNIP.** PASTINACA.

Habit and fruit of *Heracleum*, but the flowers are yellow and all small. The vittas are also usually more slender, and descend lower down on the fruit, but this character is not constant.

A genus of very few species, chiefly from the Mediterranean region and west-central Asia.

1. **Common Parsnip. Pastinaca sativa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 556.)

An annual or biennial, forming a tap-root, with an erect stem seldom more than 2 feet high when wild, 3 or 4 when cultivated. Lower leaves pinnate, coarse, and more or less downy, especially on the under side, with 5, 7, or 9 segments, each 1 to 3 inches long, sharply toothed, and more or less lobed, especially the terminal one; upper leaves small and less divided. Umbels not very large, of 8 to 12 rays, usually without involucres. Fruits about 3 lines long, flat and oval, with scarcely prominent ribs, the vittas very conspicuous, descending nearly to the base of the fruit.

In pastures and thickets, on banks and edges of fields, throughout central and southern Europe, and temperate Russian Asia. Frequent in England and Ireland, extending at least as far north as Durham. *Fl. summer.*

XXVII. **HERACLEUM.** HERACLEUM.

Coarse, rough herbs, the leaves dissected with large segments. Umbels compound; the bracts few and deciduous or none. Flowers white; the outer petals of each umbel larger. Fruit flattened from front to back, with a single thin border (splitting only by the separation of the carpels). Carpels broad, with 3 very fine, scarcely prominent ribs; or if 5, the 2 outside ones close to the border. Vittas single to each interstice, not descending to the base of the fruit, and often thickened at the lower end.

A rather natural genus, comprising a considerable number of species, from the mountains of central and southern Europe, and especially central Asia,

with a single North American one.. Some Asiatic species, remarkable for their size (the annual stems 12 to 15 feet, with umbels more than a foot in diameter), are occasionally grown in our gardens.

1. **Common Heracleum. Heracleum Sphondylium,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 939. *Cow Parsnip* or *Hogweed.*)

A tall, coarse plant, although not quite so large nor so much branched as the *wild Angelica*, and the stock of much shorter duration, but not strictly biennial as commonly supposed; the whole plant more or less rough with short, stiff hairs. Leaves pinnate, with 3, 5, or 7 large, broad segments, usually 3-lobed and toothed, from 3 to 5 inches long and at least as broad, sometimes more numerous and much narrower. Umbels large, of about 20 rays, the outer petals much larger than the others. Carpels nearly orbicular, 3 or 4 lines long; the vittas very conspicuous, often only reaching halfway down the fruit.

In meadows, pastures, hedges, and thickets, throughout Europe and Russian Asia. In Britain, one of the commonest of our *Umbellates*. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

XXVIII. **HARTWORT.** TORDYLIUM.

Leaves dissected. Umbels compound, with general and partial involucres. Flowers white or pink, the outer petals often larger. Fruits flattened from front to back, with a single thick border (splitting only by the separation of the carpels), and covered with stiff hairs or tubercles. Carpels broad, with the ribs scarcely visible, and 1 or 3 vittas under the interstices.

A small genus, chiefly from the Mediterranean region, with the appearance of *Caucalis*, but readily known by the flat fruit.

1. **Great Hartwort. Tordylium maximum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1173.)

An erect annual, 2 feet or rather more in height, rough with short, stiff hairs. Leaves pinnate, with 5, 7, or 9 segments, lanceolate or almost ovate, and coarsely toothed; the lateral ones 1 to 2 inches, the terminal ones usually longer. Umbels terminal, of 8 to 10 short rays, with a few rather long, narrow braets to the involucres. Petals all small and pink. Fruits about 3 lines long, the thickened border very prominent.

In waste and cultivated lands, in southern Europe, and eastward to the Caucasus; more rare as a weed of cultivation in central Europe. In Britain, only in Middlesex and some adjoining counties. *Fl. summer.*

XXIX. **SCANDIX.** SCANDIX.

Leaves dissected. Umbels compound, with partial involucres of several bracts, and white flowers. Fruit linear, with a very long, smooth beak. Carpels (below the beak) with 5 obtuse ribs, without vittas. Albumen of the seed with a longitudinal furrow on the inner face.

A small but distinct genus, ranging chiefly over the Mediterranean region and west-central Asia.

1. **Needle Scandix. Scandix Pecten,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1397. *Shepherd's-needle* or *Venus's-comb.*)

A branching annual, erect or spreading, 6 inches to a foot high, and more or less hairy. Leaves twice or thrice pinnate, with short segments cut into narrow lobes. Umbels terminal, of 2 or 3 rays, without general involucres; partial involucres of several lanceolate bracts, often 2- or 3-lobed at the top. Flowers almost sessile, small and white, with a few large outer petals. Fruits attaining near 2 inches; the carpels at the base cylindrical and ribbed, 4 or 5 lines long, the remainder occupied by a stiff, flattened beak, often compared to the tooth of a comb.

In fields and waste places, throughout Europe and west-central Asia. Frequent as a cornfield weed in England, Ireland, and the south of Scotland, but decreasing further northward. *Fl. with the corn.*

XXX. **CICELY.** MYRRHIS.

Leaves dissected. Umbels compound, with partial involucres of several bracts, and white flowers. Fruit narrow-oblong, not beaked. Carpels with 5 very prominent, acute ribs, which are hollow inside, and no vittas. Albumen of the seed with a deep longitudinal furrow on the inner face.

A single species, scarcely distinct as a genus from *Chervil.*

1. **Sweet Cicely. Myrrhis odorata,** Scop.

(*Scandix*, Eng. Bot. t. 697.)

An erect, branching, hairy perennial, 2 to 3 feet high, with the foliage and habit of a *Chervil*, and highly aromatic. Leaves large, thin, twice or three times pinnate, with numerous lanceolate segments, deeply pinnatifid and toothed. Umbels terminal, not large, with seldom more than 8 or 10 rays, and of these but few ripen their fruits. No general involucre; bracts of the partial ones lanceolate, thin, whitish, with fine points. Fruits when ripe 6 or 7 lines to near an inch long; the very prominent ribs occasionally rough with minute hairs.

A native of mountain pastures, in central and southern Europe, from the Pyrenees to the Caucasus. Of ancient cultivation in more northern Europe, it has frequently established itself in the neighbourhood of cottages. In Britain, believed by some to be truly indigenous in the hilly districts of northern England, where, at any rate, it is perfectly naturalized. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

XXXI. **BUNIUM.** BUNIUM.

Leaves dissected. Umbels compound, either without involucres or with very few small bracts, and white flowers. Fruit oval, oblong, somewhat laterally compressed, shortly contracted at the top, with erect or slightly spreading styles. Carpels with 5 scarcely perceptible ribs, and several very slender vittas under the interstices. Albumen of the seed with a longitudinal furrow on the inner face.

A genus of few species, chiefly from the Mediterranean region, with the habit of the tuberous *Carums*, but with a fruit more nearly allied to that of some *Chervils*, although shorter.

1. **Tuberous Bunium. Bunium flexuosum,** With.
(Eng. Bot. t. 988.)

The perennial stock consists of a globular tuber, known by the name of *Earthnut* or *Pignut;* the annual stems erect, slender, glabrous, 1 to near 2 feet high, with a few forked branches. Radical leaves few and decaying early, with 3 long-stalked segments, each once or twice pinnate; the ultimate divisions short, narrow, pointed, entire or 3-lobed. Stem-leaves few, with narrow-linear divisions; the central lobe of each segment much longer than the lateral ones. Umbels terminal, or one opposite the last leaf, of 6 to 10 rays. The ribs and vittas of the fruit are scarcely perceptible.

In woods and pastures, chiefly known as a west European plant, possibly extending eastward to the Caucasus, but there is some uncertainty as to the identity of the eastern species referred to it. Much more common in Britain than the *tuberous Carum*, which is also known under the name of *Pignut. Fl. summer.*

XXXII. **CHERVIL.** CHÆROPHYLLUM.

Leaves dissected. Umbels compound, with partial involucres of several bracts, and white flowers. Fruit narrow-oblong or linear, contracted at the top, and sometimes forming a beak always much shorter than the seed. Carpels with 5 ribs, sometimes only apparent at the top, either without vittas or with one vitta under each interstice. Seed marked with a longitudinal furrow on the inner face.

A considerable and rather natural genus, widely diffused over the northern hemisphere without the tropics. It is usually divided into two, *Chærophyllum*, with a vitta between each rib; and *Anthriscus*, without vittas, and the ribs themselves scarcely visible, except at the top, when the fruit is beaked; but the distinction is purely artificial.

Umbels on short, lateral peduncles. Fruit short, hispid . . . . . 3. *Burr C.*
Umbels terminal. Fruit long, glabrous.
  Lobes of the leaves rather obtuse. Ribs and vittas of the fruit conspicuous when dry . . . . . 1. *Rough C.*
  Lobes of the leaves pointed. Fruit very smooth, without ribs or vittas 2. *Wild C.*

The *garden Chervil* (*C. sativum*, Eng. Bot. t. 1268; *Anthriscus Cerefolium*, Brit. Fl.), a native of south-eastern Europe, may occasionally be found in waste places near where it has been cultivated. It is a more slender plant than the *wild C.*, the leaves more dissected, with shorter segments, the umbels mostly lateral and sessile, and the fruit evidently beaked.

1. **Rough Chervil. Chærophyllum temulum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1521.)

An erect biennial, 2 to 3 feet high, and rough with short reflexed hairs. Leaves twice pinnate or ternate, with ovate or wedge-shaped, pinnatifid or toothed segments, more or less hairy, especially on the upper side; the lobes short and rather obtuse, never elongated and pointed as in the *wild C.* and the *sweet Cicely.* Umbels of few rays, without a general involucre; the partial involucres of 5 or 6 broadly-lanceolate bracts, shorter than the pedicels. Outer petals of the umbel rather large. Fruit the size of that of the *wild C.*, but with 5 obtuse ribs and vittas between them.

In hedges and thickets, in central and southern Europe, and all across

Russian Asia, extending northwards into southern Scandinavia. Frequent in England and Ireland, less so in the Scotch Highlands. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Wild Chervil. Chærophyllum sylvestre,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 752. *Anthriscus*, Brit. Fl.)

The perennial, or perhaps only biennial, stock descends into a tap-root. Stems hairy, erect, and branched, 2 to 3 feet high. Lower leaves on long stalks, twice pinnate, with ovate-lanceolate pointed segments, deeply pinnatifid and toothed; upper leaves smaller, on shorter stalks, all more or less hairy. Umbels rather numerous, not large, of 8 or 10 rays, with small white flowers. No general involucre, but the partial ones of several bracts. Fruits about 3 lines long, very smooth and shining, without ribs or vittas, narrowed at the top, but without any distinct beak.

Under hedges, on the borders of fields, etc., throughout Europe and Russian Asia. In Britain, one of the commonest *Umbellates*. *Fl. spring.*

3. **Burr Chervil. Chærophyllum Anthriscus,** Lam.

(*Scandix*, Eng. Bot. t. 818. *Anthriscus vulgaris*, Brit. Fl.)

An erect, branched, hairy annual, attaining near 2 feet in height, with nearly as much the habit of a *Caucalis* as of a *Chervil*. Leaves not large, twice, or the lower ones thrice pinnate, with ovate or ovate-lanceolate segments, pinnately lobed and toothed. Umbels small, on short peduncles, opposite to the leaves, of 3 to 7 rays, without general involucres, and but few bracts to the partial ones. Fruits ovoid-oblong, not 2 lines long, covered with short, hooked bristles, and narrowed at the top into a very short, smooth beak.

A weed of cultivation, probably of south European origin, but readily spreading with our crops, and now established in scattered localities over Europe and Russian Asia. Rather frequent in England and Ireland, more scarce in Scotland. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

XXXIII. **CAUCALIS.** CAUCALIS.

Hairy annuals, with dissected leaves. Umbels usually compound, with partial involucres of several simple bracts, or rarely wanting. Outer petals usually larger, and deeply bifid. Fruit ovoid, covered with prickles or bristles. Carpels with 3 or 7 dorsal ribs, and 2 on the inner face; vittas single under each furrow. Albumen more or less furrowed on the inner face.

A small European, Asiatic, and African genus, one of the few natural ones in the family, if retained entire. It is well distinguished from *Carrot* by the involucre, the shape of the fruit, and of the albumen; from the bristle-fruited *Chervils* by the want of the smooth tip to the fruit; from all other British compound *Umbellates* by the bristled fruits.

Umbels opposite to the leaves, sessile, or on peduncles shorter than the rays.
- Umbels contracted into little sessile heads. Fruit short . . . . 1. *Knotted C.*
- Umbels of 3 or 4 slender rays. Fruit oblong, with a short beak . . *Burr Chervil.*

Umbels terminal, or on peduncles longer than the rays.
- Fruit not 2 lines long, with short bristles, mostly hooked.
  - General involucre of several bracts (often very small), one under each of the outer rays . . . . . 2. *Upright C.*
  - General involucre of a single bract or entirely wanting . . . . 3. *Spreading C.*
- Fruit 3 or 4 lines long or more, with long prickles.
  - Leaves twice or thrice pinnate, with much cut, short segments . 4. *Small C.*
  - Leaves once pinnate, with long pinnatifid segments . . . . . 5. *Broad C.*

1. **Knotted Caucalis. Caucalis nodosa,** Sm.

(Eng. Bot. t. 199. *Torilis*, Brit. Fl.)

Stems procumbent or spreading, scarcely a foot long. Leaves twice pinnate, with small, narrow, pointed segments. Umbels forming little heads, closely sessile, and opposite to the leaves; they are sometimes composed of 2 or 3 exceedingly short, scarcely distinct rays, sometimes of a simple cluster. Fruits smaller than in the other species; the outer ones covered with short, straight or hooked bristles, which on the inner ones are reduced to mere tubercles.

On roadsides and in waste places, in the limestone districts of central and southern Europe, and eastward to the Caucasus, extending northward chiefly as a weed of cultivation. Common in sunny places in southern England and Ireland, more rare in the north and in southern Scotland. *Fl. spring and summer.*

2. **Upright Caucalis. Caucalis Anthriscus,** Huds.

(Eng. Bot. t. 987. *Torilis*, Brit. Fl. *Hedge Parsley.*)

Stem erect, attaining 2 or even 3 feet, with slender, wiry branches, sprinkled, as well as the leaves, with appressed, stiff hairs. Leaves once, or the lower ones twice pinnate; the segments lanceolate, pinnatifid, or coarsely toothed; the lower ones of each leaf stalked, and remote from the others. Umbels on long, slender peduncles, rather small, of from 3 to 7 or 8 rays. Involucres, both general and partial, of small, subulate bracts, one close under each ray and often not readily distinguished at first sight. Petals pink or white, not very unequal in size. Fruit a small burr, being covered with short, rough bristles, more or less curved inwards, or hooked at the top.

In hedges, on roadsides, and waste places, common throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant all over Britain. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

3. **Spreading Caucalis. Caucalis infesta,** Curt.

(Eng. Bot. 1314. *Torilis*, Brit. Fl.)

Very near the *upright C.*, but usually a rather smaller and more spreading plant; the general involucre is either entirely wanting or reduced to a single bract, often lanceolate, and the bristles of the fruit are usually less curved, but with a minute hook at the top; this character is not however so constant as that of the involucre.

In cultivated and waste places, on banks and roadsides, in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, not extending into Scandinavia. In Britain, chiefly amongst corn, in the southern and eastern counties of England. It is said to be abundant in several local Floras, but the *upright C.* is often mistaken for it. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

4. **Small Caucalis. Caucalis daucoides,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 197.)

Erect or spreading, and much branched, seldom above a foot high. Leaves twice or three times pinnate, with rather narrow, but short, pinnatifid segments, the general outline of the leaf being broadly triangular. Umbels terminal or opposed to the leaf, on rather long peduncles, usually of 3 or 4 rays only. General involucre of one bract, partial ones of a few linear bracts. Flowers white or pink, the outer petals occasionally

larger. Fruits nearly sessile, attaining, when ripe, nearly half an inch, covered with long, stout prickles. There are usually in each partial umbel a few barren flowers on longer pedicels.

A cornfield weed of southern origin, now widely spread over Europe and Russian Asia. Apparently well established in some of the southern counties of England. *Fl. with the corn.*

5. **Broad Caucalis.** **Caucalis latifolia,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 198.)

Stem seldom a foot high, erect or spreading, and branched at the base. Leaves much less divided than in the other species, being simply pinnate, with oblong-lanceolate segments, the lowest above an inch long, and pinnatifid, the others gradually diminishing to the top, and less deeply cut. Umbels terminal or opposite the leaves, on stout peduncles, consisting of 2 or more rays. Involucres, both general and partial, of broad, thin bracts. Flowers white or purple, the outer petals large. Fruit 4 or 5 lines long, the primary and secondary ribs equally prominent, with long, straight or hooked prickles.

In fields and waste places, in southern Europe and west-central Asia, often establishing itself for a time in more northern localities. Occasionally found as a cornfield weed in several counties of England. *Fl. with the corn.*

XXXIV. **CARROT.** DAUCUS.

Leaves dissected. Umbels compound, with general and partial involucres of several linear, pinnatifid or divided bracts. Fruit ovoid, prickly on the ribs, the 4 secondary ribs more prominent than the 3 primary dorsal ones. Albumen not furrowed.

A genus of very few real species, although the published forms are now numerous; they are widely spread over most cultivated or maritime parts of the globe.

1. **Common Carrot.** **Daucus Carota,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1174.)

An erect annual or biennial, 1 to 3 feet high, with a tap-root. Lower leaves twice or thrice pinnate, with deeply 3-lobed or pinnatifid segments, usually lanceolate or linear, sometimes short and crenate; upper leaves with fewer and narrower divisions. Umbels terminal, rather large, with numerous crowded rays; the inner ones very short, the outer much longer, and usually closing over after flowering, so as to give a concave or globular form to the umbel, with the fruit inside. Bracts of both involucres usually divided into 3 or 5 long linear lobes. Fruit covered with prickles, of which the larger ones are often much flattened at the base.

Probably an original native of the seacoasts of southern Europe, but of very ancient cultivation, and sows itself most readily, soon degenerating to the wild form with a slender root, and now most abundant in fields, pastures, waste places, etc., throughout Europe and Russian Asia. Common in Britain, especially near the sea. *Fl. the whole summer and autumn.* A decidedly maritime variety, with the leaves somewhat fleshy, with shorter segments, more or less thickened peduncles, more spreading umbels, and

more flattened prickles to the fruits, is often considered as a distinct species (*D. maritimus*, Eng. Bot. t. 2560).

XXXV. **HEMLOCK.** CONIUM.

Leaves dissected. Umbels compound, with general and partial involucres and small white flowers. Fruit broadly ovate, somewhat laterally compressed, without distinct calycine teeth. Carpels with 5 prominent ribs, which when ripe are often slightly waved or crenated. No vittas. Albumen with a deep longitudinal furrow on the inner face.

A single species, with the short fruit of an *Apium* or *Henbane*, but differing essentially in the deeply furrowed albumen.

1. **Common Hemlock. Conium maculatum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1191.)

An erect, branching annual or biennial, 3 to 5 feet high or sometimes more, usually glabrous, and emitting a nauseous smell when bruised. Leaves large and much divided into numerous small ovate or lanceolate deeply-cut segments; the upper leaves gradually smaller and less divided. Umbels terminal, not large for the size of the plant, of 10, 12, or even 15 rays. Bracts short and lanceolate; those of the general involucre variable in number; those of the partial ones almost always 3, turned to the outside of the umbel. Fruit about 2 lines long.

On the banks of streams, along hedges, and the borders of fields, etc., widely spread over Europe and temperate Asia, though not always common. Generally distributed over Britain. *Fl. summer.*

XXXVI. **PHYSOSPERM.** PHYSOSPERMUM.

Leaves dissected. Umbels compound, with general and partial involucres. Flowers white. Fruit 2-lobed, the carpels nearly globular, and attached by a narrow edge, each with 5 scarcely visible rays, and single vittas to the interstices. Albumen with a longitudinal furrow on the inner face.

A genus of very few species, from Europe and temperate Asia.

1. **Cornish Physosperm. Physospermum cornubiense,** DC.

(*Ligusticum.* Eng. Bot. t. 683.)

Stock perennial. Stem erect, almost leafless, 1½ to 2 feet high, slightly branched. Radical leaves on long stalks, twice or thrice ternate; the segments ovate or cuneate, and deeply cut. Umbels terminal, of 10 to 12 rays, with rather large, white flowers. Involucres, both general and partial, of very few linear bracts. The fruits have the appearance of two little smooth bladders, placed face to face, with a loose seed in each.

A mountain plant, occurring here and there along the great European chain from the Asturias to the Caucasus, and reappearing in a few very limited localities in Cornwall and Devonshire. *Fl. late in summer.* The Continental plant is by some botanists considered as a distinct species from the British one, but the characters appear to have been derived from the examination of single specimens.

XXXVII. **SMYRNIUM.** SMYRNIUM.

Leaves entire or dissected. Umbels compound, either without involucres or only a very few small bracts. Flowers yellow. Fruit 2-lobed; the carpels ovoid, attached by the very narrow face, each with 3 prominent, angular ribs, and several vittas under the interstices. Albumen with a longitudinal furrow on the inner face.

A genus of very few species, from the Mediterranean region and western Asia.

1. **Common Smyrnium. Smyrnium Olusatrum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 230. *Alexanders.*)

A coarse, erect annual or biennial, 2 to 4 feet high, and nearly glabrous. Lower leaves twice or thrice, upper ones but once ternate; the segments broadly ovate, coarsely toothed or 3-lobed, 2 or more inches long and broad, and often of a yellowish green. Umbels terminal, of 8 to 12 rays. Flowers of a greenish yellow, much crowded in the partial umbels. As the fruit ripens, the pedunncles are often much thickened under the umbels. Carpels above 3 lines long, very angular.

In meadows and waste places, especially near the sea, all round the Mediterranean and up western Europe to the English Channel. Probably really indigenous in several of the maritime counties of southern England and Ireland, and, having been formerly much cultivated, has spread into many inland parts of England and southern Scotland, in the vicinity of old castles and gardens. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

XXXVIII. **CORIANDER.** CORIANDRUM.

Fruit globular, not readily separating into the two carpels, crowned by the conspicuous teeth of the calyx, the ribs scarcely prominent, and no vittas.

A single species, very distinct in the form of the fruit.

1. **Common Coriander. Coriandrum sativum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 67.)

An erect, branching, glabrous annual, 1 to 1½ feet high, emitting a very disagreeable smell when rubbed. Lowest leaves once or twice pinnate, with broadly-ovate or cuneate, deeply-cut segments; the others more divided, with linear segments, few and slender in the uppermost. Umbels terminal, rather small, of 5 to 8 rays, without general involucre, and only a few small slender bracts to the partial ones. Flowers white, the outer petals larger. Fruits about 2 lines long.

A native of the Levant, long since cultivated in Europe, and occasionally spreading as a weed of cultivation. Said to be established as such in some of the eastern counties of England. *Fl. summer.*

XXXV. THE ARALIA FAMILY. ARALIACEÆ.

Shrubs, trees, or climbers, rarely herbs, differing from *Um-*

bellates in their simple (solitary or paniculate) umbels, and the fruit more or less sueculent, consisting often of more than 2 (from 2 to 10) carpels, which do not separate so readily as in *Umbellates*, usually forming a single berry. The styles also are sometimes united.

A considerable Order, widely spread over the warmer regions of the globe, represented in Europe by a single speeies. Some species of *Aralia* are also occasionally cultivated in gardens.

I. IVY. HEDERA.

Petals not cohering at the top. Cells of the ovary 5 or 10. Styles short, usually cohering in a single mass.

A genus extending nearly over the whole range of the Order, but whose precise distinctive characters, and consequently the number of species it should contain, are as yet very imperfectly settled.

1. Common Ivy. Hedera Helix, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1267.)

A woody, evergreen climber; when wild the lower, slender branches spread along the ground, with small leaves, whilst the main stems climb up trees, rocks, or buildings to a great height, adhering by means of small, rootlike excrescences. Leaves thiek and shining, ovate, angular, or 3- or 5-lobed; those of the barren stems usually much more divided than the upper ones. Flowering branches bushy, projecting a foot or two from the climbing stems, each bearing a short raceme or paniele of nearly globular umbels. Flowers of a yellowish green. Border of the calyx entire, scarcely prominent, about halfway up the ovary. Petals 5, broad and short. Stamens 5. Styles united into a single, very short one. Berry smooth and blaek, with from 2 to 5 seeds.

In woods, on rocks and old buildings, eommon in western and southern Europe, northern Afriea, and west-central Asia, scarcely penetrating into central Europe, except where the winters are very mild. Extends over the whole of Britain. *Fl. late in autumn.*

XXXVI. MISTLETOE FAMILY. LORANTHACEÆ.

Shrubby or half-sueculent evergreens, parasitic on the branehes of trees, with jointed branehes, opposite thiekish leaves, and no stipules. Calyx eombined with the ovary, either entirely so or appearing only in the shape of an entire or toothed border round its summit. Petals 4. Stamens 4, opposite the petals, and usually inserted on them (or, in a few exotie speeies, the petals are wanting, and the stamens reduced to 3, 2, or 1). Ovary 1-celled, with a simple style or stigma. Fruit a 1-seeded berry.

A eonsiderablo tropical family, with but very few representatives in tho more temperate regions, and no exotie species are at present in eultivation.

The affinities of the Order are perhaps greater with the *Sandalwood* family among *Monochlamyds* than with the *Calyciflores*, with which they are here associated; but they could not well be removed thither without doing violence to the general principles of the Candollean arrangement.

I. **MISTLETOE.** VISCUM.

Flowers diœcious. Calyx without any prominent border. Anthers in the males sessile in the centre of the petals, opening in several pores. Stigma in the females sessile on the ovary.

The genus, taken in its most extended sense, consists of a considerable number of species, ranging over nearly the whole area of the family, but it has been recently proposed to reduce it to the single European species.

1. **Common Mistletoe. Viscum album,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1470.)

Stems becoming woody when old, with repeatedly forked, succulent branches, forming dense tufts of a yellowish green, attaining 1 to 2 feet in diameter, and attached by a thickened base to the branches of trees. Leaves entire, varying from narrow-oblong to nearly obovate, thick and fleshy, and always obtuse. Flowers almost sessile in the forks of the branches; the males 3 to 5 together, in a somewhat cup-shaped, fleshy bract, with 4 short, thick, triangular petals; the females solitary, or rarely 2 or 3 together in a cup-shaped bract. The petals very minute. Berry white, semi-transparent, enclosing a single seed, surrounded by a very glutinous pulp.

On a great variety of trees, but especially on the *Apple*, extending over the whole of temperate Europe, from Sweden to the Mediterranean, and far into Asia, but not everywhere abundant. Common in southern and especially western England; rare in the north, and not known in Scotland or Ireland. *Fl. spring.*

XXXVII. THE CORNEL FAMILY. CORNACEÆ.

Limited in Europe to the single genus *Cornel*, with which are associated two or three allied tropical genera, scarcely differing from the *Aralia* family, except in their erect, not climbing habit, the more generally opposite leaves, and the more complete union of the carpels and styles.

Among the exotic genera cultivated in our gardens may be mentioned the Japanese *Aucuba* (of which however we only possess the female) and the *Benthamia fragifera* from the Himalaya.

I. **CORNEL.** CORNUS.

Trees, shrubs, or very rarely herbs, with opposite (or in one exotic species alternate), undivided leaves, and rather small flowers in terminal corymbs without bracts, or in umbels or heads surrounded by bracts, which are sometimes coloured and petal-like. Calyx, 4 small teeth round the summit of the ovary. Petals 4, valvular in the bud. Stamens 4, alternating with the petals. Style simple. Ovary 2-celled, with a single pendulous ovule in

each cell. Fruit a berry-like drupe; the stone 1- or 2-celled, with 1 seed in each cell. Seeds with a fleshy albumen and a rather long embryo.

A genus not numerous in species, but extending over the temperate and colder regions of the northern hemisphere, both in the new and the old world. It was formerly included in the *Honeysuckle* family, from which it differs chiefly in the distinct petals, valvular in the bud.

Low herb. Umbel surrounded by 4 petal-like bracts . . . . . 1. *Dwarf C.*
Shrub. Flowers in a corymb, without bracts . . . . . 2. *Common C.*

Some other shrubby species of *Cornel* are often planted in our shrubberies, especially *C. alba*, *alternifolia*, and *florida*, from North America, and *C. mas* from southern Europe.

1. **Dwarf Cornel. Cornus suecica,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 310.)

Unlike as this little herb is to the *common C.*, its generic affinity may be traced through the exotic *C. florida*. It has a slender, creeping perennial rootstock, with annual stems, barely 6 inches high, and usually simple. Leaves sessile, ovate, entire, seldom above an inch long, with 5 or sometimes 7 longitudinal nerves, and sprinkled with a few very minute, closely-appressed hairs. Flowers very small, in a little terminal umbel, surrounded by 4 large, broad, petal-like, white bracts, so as to give the whole umbel the appearance of a single flower with 4 petals. The real petals are very minute, of a dark purple. Drupes small and red, resembling berries.

In mountain pastures, in northern Europe, extending into the Arctic Circle nearly all round the globe. Abundant in Scandinavia, and descending southward to northern Germany. Not uncommon in the Scotch Highlands, reappearing in north-eastern England, but not in Ireland. *Fl. summer, rather late.*

2. **Common Cornel. Cornus sanguinea,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 249. *Dogwood.*)

An erect shrub, of 5 or 6 feet. Leaves opposite, broadly ovate, and stalked; when young, hoary or silky, with closely appressed hairs; but when full-grown, green and nearly glabrous. Flowers numerous, forming terminal cymes of 1½ to 2 inches in diameter, without bracts; the calyx and peduncles covered with a mealy down. Petals of a dull white, lanceolate, nearly 3 lines long. Drupes globular, almost black, and very bitter.

In hedges and thickets, in temperate Europe and Russian Asia, extending northwards into southern Scandinavia. Abundant in southern England, becoming scarce in the north, and does not appear to be wild anywhere in Scotland, and only in a very few localities in Ireland. *Fl. early summer.*

XXXVIII. THE HONEYSUCKLE FAMILY. CAPRIFOLIACEÆ.

Trees, shrubs, or herbs, with opposite leaves, and no stipules. Flowers usually in terminal heads, corymbs, or panicles, more rarely axillary. Calyx combined with the ovary, with an en-

tire or toothed border, sometimes scarcely prominent. Corolla monopetalous, 5- or rarely 4-lobed, regular or somewhat irregular, with the lobes overlapping each other in the bud. Stamens inserted in the tube of the corolla, and alternating with its lobes, either of the same number or one less, or rarely double the number. Ovary inferior, with 3 to 5 cells, and as many stigmas, either sessile or borne on short styles, or united on the summit of a single style. Fruit usually succulent, with 1 to 5 cells. Seeds solitary or few in each cell, with a fleshy albumen.

The *Honeysuckle* family is not a very natural one, but tolerably well defined, differing from the exotic opposite-leaved genera of the *Madder* family chiefly in the want of real stipules; from the *Valerian* and *Teasel* families in the compound ovary.

Stigmas several. Corolla spreading, with a very short tube.
Low herb. Leaves once, twice, or thrice ternate . . . . . 1. MOSCHATEL.
Tall herb, or tree. Leaves pinnate . . . . . 2. ELDER.
Shrubs. Leaves entire or palmately lobed . . . . . 3. VIBURNUM.
Style single. Corolla narrowed into a tube at the base.
Shrubs or climbers. Stamens 5 . . . . . 4. HONEYSUCKLE.
Trailing perennial. Stamens 4 . . . . . 5. LINNÆA.

The *Snowberry* (*Symphoricarpos*), *Leycesteria*, and *Weigela*, of our gardens, belong also to this family.

I. **MOSCATEL.** ADOXA.

Leaves ternately divided. Calyx with 2 or 3 spreading teeth or lobes. Corolla with a very short tube, and 4 or 5 spreading divisions. Stamens 8 or 10, in pairs, alternating with the divisions of the corolla, and inserted on a little ring at its base. Styles 3 to 5, very short, united at the base. Ovary 3- to 5-celled, with one ovule in each cell. Fruit a berry.

A genus consisting of a single species, with very different foliage and stamens from those of other *Caprifoliaceæ*, but in other respects much more nearly allied to them than to the *Aralia* family, among which it has until recently been classed.

1. **Tuberous Moscatel.** **Adoxa Moschatellina,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 453.)

A low, glabrous herb, of a light green colour in all its parts; the root-stock covered with a few thick scales the remains of old leafstalks, and emitting creeping, half-underground runners. Radical leaves stalked, once, twice, or even three times ternate, with broad, deeply 3-lobed segments. Flower-stems radical, from 4 to 6 inches high, with a single pair of leaves on short stalks, and but once ternate. Flowers pale green, in a little globular head at the top of the stems, containing usually 5; the terminal one with 2 divisions to the calyx, and 4 to the corolla, and 8 stamens; whilst the 4 lateral flowers have 3 divisions to the calyx, and 5 to the corolla, with 10 stamens; but these numbers are not quite constant. Berry green and fleshy, most frequently containing but a single seed.

On moist, shady banks, in woods and other shady places, especially in hilly districts, in northern and central Europe, Russian Asia, and a part of

North America, extending far into the Arctic regions, and ascending to the highest alpine summits. In southern Europe, chiefly confined to mountains. Common in Britain. *Fl. spring.*

II. **ELDER.** SAMBUCUS.

Trees, shrubs, or tall herbs, with opposite pinnate leaves, and large cymes of numerous, rather small, white flowers. Calyx with a border of 5 small teeth. Corolla with a very short tube, and 5 spreading divisions, so as to appear rotate. Stamens 5, inserted at the base of the corolla. Stigma sessile, 3- to 5-lobed. Fruit a berry, or, strictly speaking, a berry-like drupe, with 3, rarely 4, seed-like stones, each containing a single seed.

The genus consists of but few species, spread over Europe, temperate Asia, and North America, and is the only one in the family with pinnate leaves.

Tree. Segments of the leaves ovate, without stipular lobes . . . . . 1. *Common E.*
Herb. Segments lanceolate, the lowest short, broad, and close to the stem, representing stipules . . . . . 2. *Dwarf E.*

The *red-berried E.* (*S. racemosus*), common in our shrubberies, is a native of the mountains of continental Europe.

1. **Common Elder. Sambucus nigra,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 476.)

A small tree, or shrub, with the stem and branches full of pith. Leaf-segments 5 to 7, ovate, pointed, 2 to 3 inches long, regularly and sharply toothed, and nearly glabrous. Cymes 5 or 6 inches broad, several times branched, the first time into 4 or 5, but the branches less numerous at each subsequent division, and always without bracts. Flowers white or cream-coloured. Fruits black.

In woods, coppices, and waste places, common in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, and extending itself readily from cultivation further northward. Appears to be truly indigenous in England and Ireland, but only introduced into Scotland. *Fl. summer, rather early.* A garden variety has deeply and finely-cut segments to the leaves.

2. **Dwarf Elder. Sambucus Ebulus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 475. *Danewort.*)

Stock short and perennial, with annual, erect stems, thick and pithy, slightly branched, 2 to 3 feet high. Leaf-segments 7 to 11, lanceolate, 2 to 4 inches long, with a small one on each side of the leafstalk, on the stem itself, looking like stipules. Cymes less regular, and rather smaller than in the *common E.*, with only 3 primary branches. Flowers sweet-scented, of a pure white, or tinted with purple on the outside. Fruits black.

On roadsides, in rubbishy wastes, and stony places, in central and southern Europe, and west-central Asia, extending northward to southern Sweden. Occurs in several parts of Britain, and may be really indigenous in some of the southern counties of England and Ireland, although it is believed by many to be even there an introduced plant. *Fl. summer, later than the common E.*

III. **VIBURNUM.** VIBURNUM.

Shrubs or small trees, with undivided or palmately-lobed leaves and whitish flowers in terminal cymes. Calyx with a border of 5 small teeth. Corolla with a short campanulate tube (in some exotic species much longer) and 5 spreading divisions. Stamens 5, inserted near the base of the corolla. Stigmas 3 or 2, sessile or on very short styles. Ovary 3- or 2-celled in a very young stage, but at the time of flowering 1-celled, with a single ovule. Fruit a 1-seeded berry.

A rather large and widely-spread genus, extending further into the tropical regions of both the new and the old world than any other of the family. The flowers, at first sight very much like those of the *Elder*, have yet a more distinct tube, and the foliage is very different.

Leaves toothed, undivided, downy underneath. Flowers all small and perfect . . . . . 1. *Mealy V.*
Leaves 3 to 5-lobed, glabrous. Outer flowers of the cyme large, without stamens or pistils . . . . . 2. *Guelder-Rose V.*

The *Laurustinus* of our gardens is a species of *Viburnum* from southern Europe.

1. **Mealy Viburnum. Viburnum Lantana,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 331. *Wayfaring-tree.*)

A large, much branched shrub, the young shoots and leaves thickly covered with a soft mealy down. Leaves ovate, 3 to 5 inches long, cordate at the base, bordered by small pointed teeth, very soft and velvety on the upper side, with a more mealy whitish down underneath, without any glands to the leafstalks. Flowers small and white, in dense cymes of 2 to 3 inches diameter. Berries somewhat oblong, of a purplish black.

In woods and hedges, all over temperate and southern Europe to the Caucasus, penetrating far into Scandinavia. Not unfrequent in southern England, but very doubtfully indigenous in the northern counties or in Scotland, and not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. early summer.*

2. **Guelder-Rose Viburnum. Viburnum Opulus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 332. *Guelder-Rose.*)

Not generally a tall shrub when wild, but it will grow into a small tree, and is always glabrous in all its parts. Leaves 2 or 3 inches broad, divided to near the middle into 3 or sometimes 5 broad angular pointed lobes, which are usually coarsely toothed or again lobed; the slender leafstalks have 2 or more sessile glands at the top, and 2 or more linear fringe-like appendages at the base. Flower-cymes like those of the *mealy V.*, except that the outer flowers become much enlarged, attaining often near an inch in diameter, but, having neither stamens nor styles, they are perfectly barren. Berries globular, of a blackish red.

In hedges and coppices, in Europe and Russian Asia, extending into the Arctic regions. In Britain, however, much less frequent in Scotland than in England and Ireland. *Fl. summer, rather early.* The *Guelder-Rose* of our gardens is a variety, or, more properly speaking, a monstrosity, in which all the flowers are enlarged and barren, giving the cyme a globular shape.

IV. **HONEYSUCKLE.** LONICERA.

Shrubs, or tall climbers, with opposite entire leaves, and white, yellowish, pink, or red flowers, two or more together in terminal or axillary heads. Calyx with a border of 5 small teeth. Corolla with a more or less elongated tube, and an oblique limb either 5-lobed or in two lips, the upper one 4-lobed, the lower entire. Stamens 5. Style filiform, with a capitate stigma. Ovary 2- or 3-celled, with several ovules in each cell. Berry small, with one or very few seeds.

A considerable genus, spread over the temperate regions of Europe, Asia, and North America. It is really a natural one, and very readily distinguished from the adjoining genera by the flowers, although the two principal groups into which it is separable, the climbing *true Honeysuckles* and the erect shrubby *fly Honeysuckles*, are at first sight rather dissimilar in aspect.

Climbers. Flowers long, in terminal heads.
All the leaves distinct at the base . . . . . 1. *Common H.*
Leaves of the one or two uppermost pairs joined together at the base 2. *Perfoliate H.*
Erect shrub. Flowers short, two together on short axillary peduncles . . . . . 3. *Fly H.*

Several exotic species of both sections are much cultivated in our gardens and shrubberies.

1. **Common Honeysuckle. Lonicera Periclymenum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 800. *Woodbine.*)

A woody climber, scrambling over brushes and trees to a considerable height. Leaves ovate or oblong, glabrous above, usually slightly downy or hairy underneath; the lower ones contracted at the base or stalked, the upper ones rounded and closely sessile, but not united. Flowers several together, closely sessile in terminal heads, which are always stalked above the last leaves. Corolla about 1½ inches long. Berries small and red.

In woods, thickets, and hedges, in western and central Europe, from southern Scandinavia to the Mediterranean, but not extending eastward to the Russian frontier. Common in Britain, extending to its northern extremity. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

2. **Perfoliate Honeysuckle. Lonicera Caprifolium,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 799.)

Very much like the *common H.*, but quite glabrous; the leaves broader, the uppermost pairs in the flowering branches united at the base, and the heads of flowers closely sessile within a pair of leaves united into a single broadly rounded perfoliate leaf; or the flowers are sometimes separated into two tiers, with a perfoliate leaf under each.

In hedges and woods, in central and south-eastern Europe, and perhaps western Asia, but often confounded with the two common southern species, *L. implexa* and *L. etrusca*. Not truly wild in Britain, but, long since cultivated for ornament, it has established itself in some counties of England and the south of Scotland so as to become almost naturalized. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

3. **Fly Honeysuckle. Lonicera Xylosteum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 916.)

An erect, much branched shrub, 3 or 4 feet high, of a pale green, and downy in all its parts. Leaves ovate, entire, and stalked, about 1½ inches

long. Flowers of a pale-yellowish white, downy and scentless, only 4 or 5 lines long, hanging two together from short axillary peduncles, with two small narrow bracts close under them. Berries bright scarlet, with 2 or 3 seeds in each.

In thickets and hedges, almost all over Europe and Russian Asia, extending northward to the Arctic Circle. Dispersed over various parts of Britain, generally introduced from cultivation, but believed to be really indigenous in some parts of south-eastern England. It is very common in our shrubberies. *Fl. early summer.*

V. **LINNÆA.** LINNÆA.

Calyx with a border of 5 teeth. Corolla campanulate, 5-lobed, narrowed at the base into a short tube. Stamens 4.

A genus of a single species, dedicated to the great master of natural science, with whom it was an especial favourite.

1. **Northern Linnæa. Linnæa borealis,** Gronov.
(Eng. Bot. t. 433.)

A slender evergreen, creeping and trailing along the ground to the length of a foot or more. Leaves opposite, small, broadly ovate or obovate, and slightly toothed at the top. Flowering branches short and erect, with 2 or 3 pairs of leaves, and terminated by a long slender peduncle, branched near the top into 2 pedicels, each bearing an elegant, gracefully drooping, and fragrant flower of a pale pink or white colour, about 5 lines long. Ovary globular and very hairy, the rest of the plant more or less covered with a very minute glandular down, or sometimes quite glabrous.

In woods, or rarely in more open rocky situations, in northern Europe and Asia and some parts of North America, reappearing in the mountain districts of central Europe even on the southern side of the Alps. In Britain confined to the fir-woods of some of the eastern counties in Scotland, and to a single locality in Northumberland. *Fl. summer.*

XXXIX. THE STELLATE TRIBE. STELLATÆ.

(A Tribe of the *Madder* family or *Rubiaceæ.*)

Herbs, with angular stems, and entire leaves in whorls of 4, 6, or 8 (that is, apparently so, for two opposite ones only of each whorl are real leaves with buds in their axils, the others, although precisely similar, are in fact stipules), rarely 2 only, the buds and branches always opposite. Flowers small, in terminal or rarely axillary panicles or heads. Calyx combined with the ovary, either entirely so or rarely with a border of 4 or 5 teeth. Corolla monopetalous, with 4 or 5 spreading lobes. Stamens as many, inserted in the tube. Ovary inferior. Style 2-cleft at the top, with a capitate stigma to each branch. Fruit indehiscent, small, dry or rarely succulent, usually separating into 2 seed-like carpels with one seed in each. Albumen horny, with a small embryo.

The *Stellates* are widely diffused over the globe, especially in temperate regions: in the tropics they are more rare, except in mountainous regions. They form a considerable and very-natural tribe in the great Natural Order of *Rubiaceæ*, otherwise unrepresented in Britain or even in Europe. It is one of the most extensive ones within the tropics, distinguished by opposite leaves, interpetiolar stipules, an adherent calyx, and a monopetalous corolla, and includes trees and shrubs as well as herbs. Many are cultivated in our stoves, greenhouses, or flower-beds, including the genera *Coffea*, *Gardenia*, *Luculia*, *Pentas*, *Manettia*, *Bouvardia*, etc.

Corolla with a distinct tube, as long as or longer than the lobes.
Fruit crowned by the 4 teeth of the calyx. Flowers in heads, surrounded by an involucre . . . . . 4. SHERARDIA.
Calyx not distinct. Flowers in panicles . . . . . 3. ASPERULE.
Corolla rotate, the tube very short or indistinct.
Fruit fleshy. Corolla usually 5-lobed . . . . . 1. MADDER.
Fruit dry. Corolla usually 4-lobed . . . . . 2. GALIUM.

I. **MADDER.** RUBIA.

A genus only distinguished from *Galium* by the rather larger succulent fruit. The European species have also larger leaves, of a firmer, more shining texture, and the flowers have often 5 instead of 4 parts, but these differences scarcely hold good in the South American species.

The species are not numerous, and might rather be considered as forming one or two sections of *Galium*, the South American species being intermediate between the two genera as now established.

1. **Wild Madder. Rubia peregrina,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 851.)

A straggling herb, of a shining green, sometimes very dwarf, sometimes trailing over bushes and hedges to the length of several feet, clinging by means of short recurved prickles on the edges and midribs of the leaves, and sometimes on the angles of the stem. Rootstock and sometimes also the base of the stem perennial and creeping. Leaves 4 or 6 in the whorl, ovate-oblong or lanceolate, 1 to 1½ inches long, on very short stalks or nearly sessile. Flowers small, greenish, in loose axillary or terminal panicles rather longer than the leaves. Corolla usually 3-lobed. Fruit a small black 2-lobed berry.

In dry woods, and stony places, in western and southern Europe, and eastward to the Caucasus, less frequent in northern France and Germany. In Britain scarcely found beyond the south-western counties of England, and the coast of South Wales. *Fl. all summer.*

The *dyers' Madder* (*R. tinctoria*), extensively cultivated in southern Europe for the scarlet dye furnished by its roots, differs but very slightly from the *wild M.*, and may be a mere variety.

II. **GALIUM.** GALIUM.

Herbs, with weak, quadrangular stems, sessile leaves, in whorls of 4, 6, or 8, and small white, yellow, or (in exotic species) red flowers, in axillary or terminal trichotomous cymes or panicles, sometimes reduced to small clusters. Calyx completely combined with the ovary, without any visible border.

Corolla rotate, the tube scarcely perceptible, with 4 spreading lobes. Fruit small, dry, 2-lobed, with 1 seed in each lobe.

An extensive and natural genus, spread over the whole of the temperate regions of the new as well as of the old world, especially abundant in Europe and northern Asia, penetrating also into the tropics, but there chiefly confined to mountain districts.

Flowers yellow.
- Leaves 4 in each whorl, ovate. Cymes axillary, shorter than the leaves . . . . . 1. *Crosswort G.*
- Leaves 6 or 8 in each whorl, linear. Panicles terminal . . . . 2. *Yellow G.*

Flowers white.
- Leaves in fours.
  - Fruit hairy . . . . . 8. *Northern G.*
  - Fruit glabrous.
    - Leaves ovate or lanceolate, very shining, and prickly at the edge . . . . . *Wild Madder.*
    - Leaves linear, smooth or rough, but not prickly.
      - Flowers on slender pedicels. Corolla small and rotate . 3. *Marsh G.*
      - Flowers nearly sessile, in little clusters. Corolla funnel-shaped . . . . . *Common Asperule.*
- Leaves 6 or 8 in each whorl.
  - *Perennials. Stem smooth or rough on the angles.*
    - Fruits covered with long hairs . . . . . *Woodruff Asperule.*
    - Fruit small, smooth, and slightly granulated.
      - Lobes of the corolla ending in a fine point. Stems usually 1 to 2 feet, and rather firm at the base . . . . 6. *Hedge G.*
      - Lobes of the corolla scarcely pointed. Stems short, or very slender.
        - Leaves 4 or 6, very obtuse . . . . . 3. *Marsh G.*
        - Leaves 6 or 8, mostly pointed.
          - Leaves nearly smooth . . . . . 5. *Heath G.*
          - Leaves very rough . . . . . 4. *Swamp G.*
  - *Annuals. Stem very rough at the edges, with adhesive hairs or minute prickles.*
    - Small, very slender plant. Fruit very small, granulated or hairy . . . . . 7. *Wall G.*
    - Coarse plants, very adhesive. Fruit rather large, usually covered with stiff hairs or tubercles.
      - Flowers 3 or more, in axillary panicles longer than the leaves. Fruiting pedicels straight . . . . . 9. *Cleavers G.*
      - Flowers 1 or 3, on axillary peduncles, shorter than the leaves. Fruiting pedicels rolled inwards . . . . . 10. *Corn G.*

1. **Crosswort Galium. Galium Cruciata,** Scop.

(Eng. Bot. t. 143. *Crosswort* or *Maywort.*)

Stock perennial and slender, with a few short, prostrate or creeping barren shoots; the flowering stems erect or ascending, 6 to 18 inches long, and hairy. Leaves in whorls of 4, ovate, 6 to 9 lines long, hairy on both sides. Flowers small and yellow, in little leafy cymes or clusters, shorter than, or scarcely so long as the leaves. Many of these flowers are males only, and soon fall off, their reflexed pedicels remaining till the stem withers. Fertile flowers few, and often 5-lobed. Fruits small, smooth, almost succulent.

On hedge-banks, and in bushy places, in central and southern Europe, and eastward to the Caucasus. Not unfrequent in England, and extending a considerable way into Scotland, but not mentioned in the Irish Flora. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

2. **Yellow Galium. Galium verum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 660. *Ladies' Bedstraw.*)

Rootstock woody, often shortly creeping, the whole plant glabrous and

smooth, or with only a slight asperity on the edges of the leaves. Stems much branched at the base, decumbent or ascending, 6 inches to above a foot long, ending in an oblong panicle of very numerous, small, yellow flowers. Leaves small, linear, numerous, in whorls of 6 or 8. Fruits small, and smooth.

On banks and pastures, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. the whole summer.*

3. **Marsh Galium. Galium palustre,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1857.)

A weak and slender, glabrous perennial, more generally blackening in drying than any of the following. Stems a foot or more long, with few spreading branches, almost always rough on the angles. Leaves mostly 4 in a whorl, occasionally 5, very rarely 6, linear or oblong, obtuse, without the small point of the three following species; mostly, but not always, rough on the edges. Flowers small, and white, not very numerous, in spreading panicles; the lobes of the corolla without the fine point of the *hedge G.* Fruit rather small, slightly granulated.

In marshes and wet places, often quite in the water, but sometimes also in drier situations, and even hanging from the clefts of rocks, extending all over Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle. Common in Britain. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Swamp Galium. Galium uliginosum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1972, and *G. Witheringii*, Eng. Bot. t. 2206.)

Differs from the *marsh G.* in its leaves, either 6 or 8 in a whorl, usually narrower, terminated by a fine point, and less disposed to turn black in drying; from the slender varieties of the *heath G.*, in its stem rough on the angles.

Dispersed over Europe and Russian Asia, and occurs in various parts of Britain, but not a very common plant, for although indicated in almost all Floras within the geographical range of the *marsh G.* and the *heath G.*, it is probable that varieties of the one or the other are often mistaken for it. It may indeed prove that the *swamp G.* is but a rough-stemmed variety of the *heath G.* *Fl. summer.*

5. **Heath Galium. Galium saxatile,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 815, and *G. pusillum*, Eng. Bot. t. 74.)

A small perennial, much branched, leafy, and often tufted at the base; the flowering stems numerous, weak, 5 or 6 inches high, rarely attaining nearly a foot, and smooth, or nearly so, on the angles. Leaves usually 6 in a whorl, sometimes 7 or 8, and occasionally on the barren shoots only 4 or 5; the lower ones small and obovate, the upper narrow, and, when the stem lengthens much, mostly linear; all have a little point at the tip, the edges are smooth or rough, the length seldom exceeds 3 lines. Flowers numerous, and white, in short terminal panicles, the lobes of the corolla scarcely pointed. Fruits small, more or less granulated.

In open heaths, and pastures, very common in western and central Europe, but seldom mentioned in the more eastern Floras. In Britain, one of the most universally distributed species. *Fl. summer.* Varieties with narrower leaves, more often 8 in a whorl, have been distinguished as species, under the names of *G. pusillum, sylvestre, montanum, commutatum*, etc.

6. **Hedge Galium. Galium Mollugo,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1673.)

Very near the *heath G.*, but on a much larger scale. Stems, from a perennial stock, 1 to 2 or 3 feet long, smooth and shining, and more or less branched. Leaves usually 8 in a whorl, varying from obovate to oblong or linear, more or less rough on the edges, and always terminated by a little point. Flowers white and numerous, in large terminal panicles. Corolla varying from 1 to 2 lines in diameter, each lobe bearing a little point, sometimes rather long, sometimes scarcely prominent. Fruit small and smooth, or slightly granulated.

In hedges, thickets, and rich pastures, widely spread over Europe and western Asia, but neither an Arctic nor perhaps a Siberian species. Very common in England, and in some parts of Ireland, but extends only into the south-eastern counties of Scotland. *Fl. summer.* In shady situations and rich soils the stems are very straggling, swollen above each node, with broader leaves, and spreading panicles. This is considered by many botanists as the only true *G. Mollugo.* In drier, more open situations, the stem is more erect, the leaves narrower, the panicles closer, and more oblong, and the points of the corolla more prominent. This form is often described as one or more distinct species, under the names of *G. erectum* (Eng. Bot. t. 2067), *G. cinereum*, and *G. aristatum*, (the figures Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2783 and 2784 from specimens probably not British).

7. **Wall Galium. Galium parisiense,** Linn.
(*G. anglicum*, Eng. Bot. t. 384.)

Somewhat resembles a very slender *heath G.*, but the root is only annual, and the flowers and fruits are very much smaller. Stems about 6 inches high, the branches almost filiform, spreading, and rough on the edges. Panicles spreading, with filiform pedicels. Corolla white, very minute; the lobes less spreading than in most species, and not pointed. Fruits small, granulated in the only variety hitherto found in Britain; in southern Europe more commonly covered with little bristles or stiff hairs.

In stony wastes, on old walls, etc., very common in the Mediterranean region, and eastward to the Caucasus; less abundant in central Europe, and barely extending to some of the southern counties of England. *Fl. summer.* The variety above alluded to as the only one we possess, has been distinguished as a species under the name of *G. anglicum* or *G. divaricatum.*

8. **Northern Galium. Galium boreale,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 105.)

Rootstock creeping; the stems more firm and erect, and less branched than in the other species, from ½ to 1½ feet high, glabrous or slightly hoary. Leaves 4 in a whorl, lanceolate or linear, rather firm, with 3 longitudinal ribs, smooth or scarcely rough at the edges, and often an inch long. Flowers numerous, in oblong terminal panicles, white, and rather larger than in the *hedge G.*, with very short, inflected points to the lobes. Fruit covered with hooked hairs or bristles.

On moist rocks, and in mountain pastures, all over northern Europe and Russian Asia to the Arctic regions, confined to mountains in southern Europe and central Asia. Frequent in Scotland, northern England, North Wales, and Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

9. **Cleavers Galium. Galium Aparine,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 816. *Cleavers. Goosegrass.*)

Although an annual, this plant often extends to several feet, scrambling over bushes, to which it clings by the recurved asperities or small prickles on the angles of the stem and on the edges and midribs of the leaves. Leaves 6 or 8 in a whorl, linear or linear-lanceolate, often above an inch long. Peduncles opposite and axillary, rather longer than the leaves, bearing a loose cyme of from 3 to 8 or 10 small, greenish-white flowers, with 3 or 4 leaves at the base of the cyme. Pedicels 2 to 4 lines long, straight and slender, or but slightly recurved and thickened. Fruits usually covered with hooked bristles, forming small, very adhesive burrs, but sometimes almost or entirely without them.

In hedges and thickets, throughout Europe and northern Asia, from the Arctic Circle almost to the tropics, and now spread over North America. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. the whole summer, and often in autumn.* Slender or short varieties, less hispid, and with smaller fruits, have been distinguished under the names of *G. Vaillantii* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2943) and *G. spurium* (Eng. Bot. t. 1871), but the latter name is also given to luxuriant forms of the *corn G.*

10. **Corn Galium. Galium tricorne,** With.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1641.)

Very near the *cleavers G.*, but a smaller plant, seldom above a foot long, the leaves shorter, the peduncles shorter than the leaves, with only 1, 2, or 3 flowers, the pedicels of which are rolled back and thickened after flowering, and the fruit is granulated only, without hooks or bristles.

A much more southern plant than the *cleavers G.*, very common in waste and cultivated places in the Mediterranean region, and eastward to central Asia; becomes a cornfield weed in central Europe, and as such extends over most counties of England, but disappears in the north. *Fl. with the corn, or sometimes later, on the stubble.*

III. **ASPERULE.** ASPERULA.

Differs from *Galium* only in the shape of the corolla, which tapers at the base into a tube at least as long as the lobes, and often several times longer.

The species are less numerous than those of *Galium*, and the geographical range is not so extensive, being limited to Europe, northern Africa, northern and central Asia, and Australia.

Leaves lanceolate, about 8 in a whorl. Fruit hispid . . . . . 1. *Woodruff A.*
Leaves linear, opposite or 4 in a whorl. Fruit small, glabrous . . 2. *Small A.*

1. **Woodruff Asperule. Asperula odorata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 755. *Sweet Woodruff.*)

Rootstock slender and creeping. Stems erect, 6 inches to near a foot high, smooth on the angles. Leaves usually 8 in a whorl (rarely 6, 7, or 9), the lowest small and obovate, the remainder oblong-lanceolate, above an inch long, slightly rough at the edges. Peduncles terminal, bearing a few small, white flowers, in a loose, trichotomous cyme. Corollas very fugaceious. Fruits globular and very hispid. The whole plant has a sweet hay smell in drying.

In woods and shady places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

2. **Small Asperule. Asperula cynanchica,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 33. *Squinancy-wort.*)

A smooth and glabrous perennial, the stems sometimes erect and wiry, with few leaves, 6 or 8 inches high, sometimes decumbent or spreading on the ground, in broad, leafy tufts or patches. Leaves narrow-linear, the lower ones 4 in a whorl, the upper ones often 2 only, the 2 others wanting or reduced to small stipules. Flowers white, often with a lilac tinge, forming little clusters at the summits of the branches; the corollas little more than a line long, funnel-shaped, tapering into a tube at the base. Fruits small, slightly granulated.

In dry pastures, on warm banks, and waste, stony, and sandy places. Abundant in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, extending northward more sparingly to the Baltic. Common in many parts of southern England and Ireland, but does not extend into Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

IV. **SHERARDIA.** SHERARDIA.

A single species, with the corolla and fruit of an *Asperule*, and the habit of some southern species of that genus, but distinguished both from *Asperule* and *Galium* by the calyx, which has a distinct border of 4 or 6 teeth crowning the fruit.

1. **Blue Sherardia. Sherardia arvensis,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 891. *Field Madder.*)

A small annual, seldom above 6 inches high. Leaves about 6 in a whorl, the lower ones small and obovate, the upper linear or lanceolate, all rough on the edges and ending in a fine point. Flowers small, blue or pink, in little terminal heads, surrounded by a broad, leafy involucre, deeply divided into about 8 lobes, longer than the flowers themselves. Corolla with a slender tube, little more than a line long, and 4 small, spreading lobes. Calyx-teeth enlarged after flowering, forming a little leafy crown at the top of the fruit.

In cultivated and waste places, in temperate Europe and western Asia, extending far to the north as a weed of cultivation. Common in the greater part of Britain, but becoming scarce in the north of Scotland. *Fl. the whole summer.*

XL. THE VALERIAN FAMILY. VALERIANEÆ.

Herbs, either annual or with a perennial, sometimes almost bushy stock, opposite leaves, and no stipules. Flowers in terminal corymbs or panicles, usually small and numerous. Calyx adherent to the ovary, the small border sometimes toothed, sometimes scarcely perceptible at the time of flowering, but

unrolling afterwards into a feathery pappus. Corolla in the British genera monopetalous, tubular at the base, with 5 spreading lobes. Stamens always fewer than the lobes of the corolla. Fruit small, dry, and seed-like, with a single seed suspended from the top of the cell, with the addition frequently of 1 or 2 imperfect or abortive empty cells.

A natural family, not large, but widely diffused over a great part of the globe. Well characterized among inferior-fruited *Monopetals* by the seed-like fruit and reduced number of stamens.

Stamen 1. Tube of the corolla spurred at the base . . . . . 1. CENTRANTH.
Stamens 3. Tube of the corolla slightly swollen at the base but not spurred.
Perennials. Fruit crowned by a feathery pappus . . . . . 2. VALERIAN.
Annuals. Fruit crowned by a small, cup-shaped, or toothed border 3. CORNSALAD.

I. CENTRANTH. CENTRANTHUS.

Habit, calyx, and fruit of *Valerian*. Corolla with a more slender tube projected at the base into a little spur, and only 1 stamen.

A small genus from the Mediterranean and Caucasian regions.

1. Red Centranth. Centranthus ruber, DC.

(*Valeriana*, Eng. Bot. t. 1531. *Red Valerian.*)

Perennial stock much branched, forming when old an almost bushy, coarse tuft; the whole plant quite glabrous and often somewhat glaucous. Stems stout, 1 to near 2 feet high. Leaves ovate-lanceolate, entire or scarcely toothed. Flowers numerous, red or rarely white, in dense cymes, forming a handsome, oblong terminal panicle. Tube of the corolla 3 or 4 lines long, with a spur of at least a line. Border of the calyx unrolling in the ripe fruit into a little elegant, bell-shaped, feathery pappus.

A native of rocky places in the Mediterranean region, but, long cultivated for ornament, it has become naturalized on old walls in most parts of central Europe, as in many localities in England and Ireland. *Fl. all summer.*

II. VALERIAN. VALERIANA.

Herbs with a perennial stock and usually erect flowering-stems. Leaves opposite, those of the stem usually pinnately divided or toothed, the lowest often entire. Flowers white or red, small, usually numerous, in terminal corymbs or panicles, sometimes contracted into heads. Calyx with a prominent border, at the time of flowering rolled inwards and entire, as the fruit ripens opening out into a little, bell-shaped, feathery pappus. Corolla with a short tube, not spurred at the base, and 5 short lobes. Stamens 3. Fruit small, 1-seeded, crowned with the pappus.

A large genus, with the geographical range of the family, but most abundant in mountain regions, where some species ascend to great elevations.

Lower leaves undivided.
Stem 6 to 8 inches high. Radical leaves and segments of the upper ones entire . . . . . 1. *Marsh V.*
Stem 2 to 4 feet. Leaves large, broadly cordate, and toothed . . . 3. *Pyrenean V.*
All the leaves pinnately divided, with several pairs of segments . . . 2. *Common V.*

1. **Marsh Valerian. Valeriana dioica,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 628.)

Rootstock emitting creeping runners and erect flowering stems, 6 to 8 inches high. Radical leaves and those of the runners on long stalks, ovate, entire, ½ to 1 inch long; stem-leaves few, mostly pinnate, with one oval or oblong terminal segment and several pairs of smaller and narrow ones, all entire. Flowers small, of a pale rose-colour, in terminal corymbs, mostly unisexual; the tube of the corolla short.

A marsh plant, spread over a great part of Europe and eastward to the Caucasus, but apparently more common in the west than in the east; extending northward into southern Scandinavia. In most English counties and in a few of the southern Scotch ones, but not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. early summer.*

2. **Common Valerian. Valeriana officinalis,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 698. *All-heal.*)

Rootstock short and thick, with creeping runners, and one or rarely more erect stems, 2 to 3 or even 4 feet high, nearly simple, and more or less hairy at the base. Leaves pinnate, with from 9 to 21, or even more, lanceolate segments, 1 to 2 or even 3 inches long, and much varying in breadth, marked with a few coarse teeth, and more or less sprinkled with hairs underneath; the upper leaves few and distant. Flowers small, white or tinged with pink, in broad terminal corymbs.

In moist situations, sides of ditches and streams, and damp woods, extending over the whole of Europe and Russian Asia to the Arctic Circle, becoming a mountain plant in the south. Common in Britain. *Fl. summer.* A variety with fewer and broader segments to the leaves has been distinguished under the name of *V. sambucifolia.*

3. **Pyrenean Valerian. Valeriana pyrenaica,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1591.)

A taller plant even than the *common V.*, and much coarser; the leaves broadly heart-shaped, coarsely toothed, often 5 or 6 inches long and broad, with more prominent veins than in most *Valerians*, the lower ones undivided, the upper ones, in addition to the large terminal segment, have 1 or sometimes 2 pairs of smaller ones on the short footstalk. Flowers like those of the *common V.*, in large, flat terminal corymbs.

A Pyrenean species, which, having escaped from cultivation, is now well-established in woods and plantations in some parts of central and southern Scotland and western England. *Fl. summer.*

III. CORNSALAD. VALERIANELLA.

Low annuals, with forked branches, narrow, entire or scarcely toothed leaves, and very small white or pale-blue flowers, in little compact cymes at the ends of the branches or solitary in the forks. Calyx-border small, entire or toothed, sometimes enlarging as the fruit ripens, but not feathery. Corolla with a short tube, not spurred at the base, and 5 equal, spreading lobes. Fruit small, convex on the back, but often marked in front with 2 longitudinal ribs or variously shaped projections, which are in fact the imperfect or abortive empty cells.

The species are rather numerous, all much alike in general appearance,

and distinguished chiefly by modifications in the form of the little fruits which appear to be constant. They are chiefly natives of the Mediterranean and Caucasian regions, but some are spread as weeds of cultivation over the greater part of the temperate regions of the northern hemisphere.

Fruit without any perceptible projecting border on the top.
Fruit as broad as long, somewhat laterally compressed, with a slight furrow on each side . . . . . 1. *Common C.*
Fruit ovoid, convex on the back, with an oval, concave or cup-shaped appendage on the face . . . . . 2. *Keeled C.*
Fruit crowned by the small, oblique, toothlike border of the calyx.
Fruit narrow, rather flattened, convex on the back, with 2 longitudinal ribs on the face . . . . . 4. *Narrow-fruited C.*
Fruit broadly ovoid, showing, when cut across, 3 cells, one with a seed in it, and two conspicuous empty ones . . . 3. *Sharp-fruited C.*

1. **Common Cornsalad. Valerianella olitoria,** Poll.

(*Valeriana locusta*, Eng. Bot. t. 811. *Cornsalad* or *Lamb's-lettuce.*)

A glabrous or slightly downy annual, seldom above 6 inches high, erect or ascending, branching from the base, and repeatedly forked. Radical leaves in a spreading tuft, oblong, 1½ to 2 inches long, rounded at the top, entire or with a very few coarse teeth, narrowed at the base; stem-leaves narrower, but with a broad base, often clasping the stem, and more frequently toothed. Flowers very small, mostly in little, dense, terminal cymes, ¼ to ½ inch in diameter, surrounded by small lanceolate or linear bracts. Fruit about a line long and at least as broad, somewhat compressed, without any perceptible calycine border, and marked on each side with a longitudinal furrow. When cut across, the seed will be seen to occupy the centre, with a somewhat corky mass on one side, and an empty cell on the other.

A native of southern Europe, often cultivated for salad, and now a common weed in waste places and cornfields in central Europe. Not unfrequent in various parts of the British Isles. *Fl. spring and summer.*

2. **Keeled Cornsalad. Valerianella carinata,** Lois.

(*Fedia*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2810.)

Closely resembles the *common C.* in everything but the fruit, which is ovoid, not compressed laterally, but rather from front to back, without any corky mass at the back of the seed, and the empty cell in front is not closed in, but open, in the shape of a little cup-shaped appendage.

More abundant than the *common C.* in most parts of continental Europe, but much less frequent in England. I have not met with it in cultivation, although so similar in foliage. *Fl. spring and summer.*

3. **Sharp-fruited Cornsalad. Valerianella auricula,** DC.

(*Fedia.* Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2809.)

Stems generally more erect than the two last, the branches not proceeding from so near the base, more slender and wiry; the leaves small and narrow, the cymes small and not so compact, often with single flowers in the forks of the stem, and the bracts small and narrow. Fruit broadly ovoid, scarcely compressed, crowned by the little green oblique border of the calyx. On being cut across, it shows one small cell occupied by the seed, and two somewhat larger empty ones.

In cornfields and waste places, widely spread over central and southern Europe and western Asia. Not unfrequent in Britain, and perhaps truly indigenous. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Narrow-fruited Cornsalad. Valerianella dentata,** Koch.
(*Valeriana*, Eng. Bot. t. 1370.)

Habit and foliage precisely those of the *sharp-fruited C.*, and the fruit is in the same manner crowned by the oblique border of the calyx, but the fruit is narrower, slightly compressed from front to back, and the seed occupies the entire cavity without any empty cells; these are represented by two longitudinal ribs on the inner face of the fruit, which, when examined under the microscope, will be found to be hollow.

The geographical range appears to be the same as that of the *sharp-fruited C.*, with which it is often confounded. *Fl. summer.* It varies in its fruits more or less hairy, and the calyx-border sometimes cup-shaped, nearly as long as the fruit, and scarcely oblique, sometimes smaller and very oblique, and some of these forms have been distinguished as species, under the names of *V. eriocarpa*, *V. truncata*, etc.

XLI. THE TEASEL FAMILY. DIPSACEÆ.

Herbs or undershrubs, with opposite leaves, and no stipules. Flowers collected into compact heads or spikes, surrounded by a common involucre, with scales or hairs on the receptacle between the florets, as in *Composites*, but each floret is moreover inserted in a small *involucel* having the appearance of an outer calyx, sometimes tubular, and completely enclosing the ovary; sometimes cup-shaped at its base. Calyx combined with the ovary, with an entire or toothed border; the teeth often terminating in stiff points or bristles. Corolla monopetalous, 4- or 5-lobed, and often oblique. Stamens 4, inserted in the tube; the anthers free, not united as in *Composites*. Fruit small, dry, and indehiscent, crowned by the border of the calyx, often enclosed in the involucel, which assumes the form of an outer coating. Seed solitary, pendulous.

A small family, spread over the temperate regions of the old world, both in the northern hemisphere and in southern Africa; at once distinguished from *Composites* by the anthers, from capitate *Umbellates* by the opposite leaves and the monopetalous corollas.

Scales of the receptacle between the florets prickly . . . . . 1. TEASEL.
Scales of the receptacle not prickly, or replaced by hairs . . . . . 2. SCABIOUS.

I. TEASEL. DIPSACUS.

Tall, erect biennials, either prickly or bearing very stiff hairs. Heads of flowers oblong or globular; the scales between the florets long and prickly. Involucels small and angular, with a very small, thickened border. Calyx with a small, cup-shaped border appearing above the involucel. Corolla oblique, 4-lobed.

A very small European and north Asiatic genus.

Heads of flowers ovoid or cylindrical, very prickly . . . . . 1. *Common T.*
Heads of flowers globular, very hairy, and slightly prickly . . . . 2. *Small T.*

1. Common Teasel. **Dipsacus sylvestris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1032.)

A stout biennial, 4 or 5 feet high, with numerous prickles on the stems, the midribs of the leaves, the peduncles, and involucres. Leaves sessile, long and lanceolate, entire or coarsely toothed, the upper ones broadly connate at the base. Heads of flowers at first ovoid, but gradually becoming cylindrical, near 3 inches long and above 1½ inches in diameter. Involucre of 8 to 12 long but very unequal stiff, linear, prickly bracts, usually curved upwards. Scales of the receptacle broad and hairy at the base, ending in a fine prickly point, rather longer than the florets. Flowers pale-lilac.

On roadsides and waste places, in central and southern Europe, and all across Russian Asia, not extending northward beyond Germany. Common in the southern counties of England and in Ireland, more rare in the north, and in Scotland probably only as an introduced plant. *Fl. late in summer or autumn.* The *fullers' Teasel* (*D. fullonum*, Eng. Bot. t. 2080) is believed to be a cultivated variety of this plant, only differing in the scales of the receptacle being hooked at the extremity.

2. Small Teasel. **Dipsacus pilosus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 877.)

A branching biennial, 2 to 4 feet high, covered with stiff spreading hairs or bristles, which rarely amount to weak prickles. Leaves with 1 large, ovate pointed, and coarsely toothed terminal segment, and 1 or 2 pairs of smaller ones on the short leafstalk. Flowers white, forming globular, hispid heads, barely an inch in diameter, on long peduncles. Bracts of the involucre seldom longer than the florets, and passing gradually into the scales of the receptacle, which are ovate, ending in a fine stiff point, almost prickly, about as long as the florets.

In rather moist hedges, thickets, and banks, in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, extending northwards to southern Sweden. Occurs in most of the southern and central counties of England, but not in Ireland or Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

II. **SCABIOUS.** SCABIOSA.

Herbs, either annual or with a perennial stock, becoming shrubby in some exotic species, without prickles. Heads of flowers hemispherical or globular, with an involucre of small, green, not prickly bracts. Receptacle bearing small, not prickly scales, or hairs only, between the florets. Involucels various. Corolla 4- or 5-lobed, often oblique. Ovary and fruit crowned by the little, cup-shaped calycine border, with 4, 5, or more teeth or bristles.

This, the principal genus of the family, belongs chiefly to the Mediterranean region, a few species extending over the rest of Europe and temperate Asia. Although not very numerous in species, it has been broken up into 4, 5, or 6 genera, the three British species being referred severally to *Succisa*, *Scabiosa*, and *Trichera* or *Knautia*.

Leaves entire or nearly so. Florets 4-lobed, the outer ones scarcely larger than the others . . . . . 1. *Blue S.*

Leaves toothed or divided. Outer florets of each head usually much larger and more oblique.

Florets 5-lobed. Involucel with a spreading, scarious border. Fruit crowned by 5 bristles . . . . . 2. *Small S.*
Florets 4-lobed. Involucel very short. Fruit crowned by minute teeth . . . . . 3. *Field S.*

The annual *sweet Scabious* (*S. atropurpurea*) and some other exotic species are occasionally cultivated in our flower-gardens.

1. **Blue Scabious. Scabiosa succisa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 878. *Devil's-bit.*)

Rootstock short and thick, ending abruptly below as if it had been bit off. Leaves mostly radical, stalked, ovate or oblong and entire, glabrous or with a few long hairs on the upper surface; those of the stem few and oblong, occasionally marked with 1 or 2 teeth. Stems 1 to 2 feet high, with 1 to 5 heads of deep-blue flowers on long peduncles. Bracts of the involucre lanceolate, in 2 or 3 rows, the outer ones about as long as the flowers, the inner ones passing gradually into the pointed scales of the receptacle. Florets all nearly alike, 4-lobed, and but little oblique. Involucels tubular, angular, completely enclosing the ovary and fruit, bordered by very small, green teeth. Fruit crowned by the 4 bristles of the calyx, which scarcely project beyond the involucel.

In meadows, pastures, heaths, etc., throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

2. **Small Scabious. Scabiosa Columbaria,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1311.)

Stock perennial, tufted when old, and sometimes almost woody. Stems 1 to 2 feet high, including the long terminal peduncles, glabrous or slightly hoary. Leaves pinnate, the lower ones crowded, spreading, with an ovate or oblong terminal segment, and several smaller ones; the stem-leaves few, with linear segments entire or pinnatifid. Flowers of a pale purplish-blue. Involucres short. Scales of the receptacle small and linear. Florets 5-lobed, the outer ones of each head much larger and more oblique. Involucel enclosing the fruit to near the top, where it is contracted, and then expands into a scarious, sinuate, cup-shaped border, in the centre of which appears the summit of the fruit, crowned by the 5 bristles of the calyx.

In pastures and waste places, very abundant all over central and southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus, and northward to southern Scandinavia. Dispersed over a great part of England, especially near the east coast, along which it extends into Scotland, but does not occur in Ireland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

3. **Field Scabious. Scabiosa arvensis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 659.)

A perennial, but of short duration, and often flowering the first year, more or less hairy, especially near the base, from 1 to 2 or even 3 feet high. Leaves very variable; the radical ones usually lanceolate and stalked; the upper ones broader at the base, and sessile; all coarsely toothed or slightly lobed, but sometimes some or all are deeply cut or pinnate. Heads of flowers large, of a pale lilac-purple; on long peduncles, the outer florets much larger and more oblique than the central ones, as in the *small S.*, but all are 4-lobed. Involucre short. Receptacle with hairs only between the

florets. Involucel very minute. Ovary and fruit angular, crowned by the 8 or 10 radiating teeth or short bristles of the calyx.

In pastures, open woods, waste and cultivated places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia to the Arctic Circle. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. all summer.*

XLII. THE COMPOSITE FAMILY. COMPOSITÆ.

Herbs, or, in some exotic genera or species, shrubs, with alternate or opposite leaves, without stipules. Flowers or *florets* collected several together into a head surrounded by an involucre, the whole having the appearance of a single flower, and called by older authors a *compound flower* with a *common calyx*. The *receptacle*, or enlarged summit of the peduncle on which the florets are inserted within the involucre, either bears chaffy scales and hairs between the florets or is *naked*. In each floret the calyx is combined with the ovary, either completely so or only appears at its summit as a short border, or more frequently as a *pappus*: that is, a ring of long, simple or feathery hairs, or of small chaffy scales. Corollas either all tubular, with a 5-toothed (or rarely 4-toothed) border, or all *ligulate*: that is to say, flat, linear or oblong, forming only a short tube at the base; or else both kinds are in the same head, the central ones tubular, forming the *disk*; the outer ones ligulate, constituting the *ray*. In the latter case the head of flowers is said to be *radiate*, and in contradistinction a head of flowers that has no ray is said to be *discoid*, and one which has no disk is said to be *ligulate*. Stamens 5 or rarely 4, inserted in the tube of the corolla; the anthers linear and united in a sheath round the style. Ovary inferior, with a single pendulous ovule, and a filiform style divided at the top into 2 short branches bearing the stigmas. Fruit a small, dry, seed-like nut, usually called an *achene*, crowned by the pappus or sometimes naked.

The most extensive family among flowering plants, and represented in every quarter of the globe and in every description of station. It is also most easily recognized. The ligular florets are unknown in any other family, and when the florets are all tubular, the *Compositæ* are distinguished from the *Teasel* family, and the few others which have similar heads of florets, by the union of the anthers. In *Jasione* indeed the anthers are slightly united, but there, besides other characters, the ovary and capsule have 2 cells with several seeds. The genera are very numerous, and the characters are often taken from differences in the achenes and in the pappus which crowns them, which cannot well be observed until the fruit is ripe. It is therefore particularly necessary, in *Compositæ*, in collecting specimens for determination, to select such as have the most advanced flower-heads, and these will always be found in the centre of the corymb.

1 { Florets all ligulate (Ligulates) 36
  { Florets all tubular 2
  { Florets tubular in the disk or centre of each head, the outer ones either ligulate and forming a ray, or slender and filiform (Corymbifers) 5

2 { Involucre or leaves prickly. Style slightly bulbous under the branches (Thistleheads) 29
  { Involucre and leaves not prickly 3

3 { Florets purple, blue, or white 4
  { Florets yellow or greenish, usually small (Corymbifers) 5

4 { Leaves opposite . . . . . 1. Eupatory.
  { Leaves alternate or radical (Thistleheads) 29

Corymbifers.

5 { Leaves opposite 6
  { Leaves alternate or radical 7

6 { Flower-heads small, numerous, purple. Pappus of many hairs . . 1. Eupatory.
  { Flower-heads few, rather large, yellow. Pappus of a few bristles . . 19. Bidens.

7 { Flower discoid, that is, all the florets of the head tubular or filiform, the outer not longer than the central ones 8
  { Flowers radiate, the outer florets ligulate and spreading, or, if erect, longer than the central ones 18

8 { Achenes without a pappus, or crowned by a small cup or short scales 9
  { Achenes bearing a pappus of hairs 12

9 { Flower-heads monœcious, the males with many tubular florets, the females forming a thick burr, ending in 2 conical beaks, and enclosing 2 flowers . 20. Burweed.
  { Flower-heads all alike 10

10 { Receptacle bearing scales between the florets. Plant covered with a dense white cotton. Leaves entire or toothed . . . . . 13. Diotis.
   { No scales between the florets. Leaves, at least the lower ones, much divided . 11

11 { Flower-heads hemispherical, 3 or 4 lines in diameter, in a large terminal corymb. Achenes angular, with a flat top . . . . . 14. Tansy.
   { Flower-heads small, often nodding, in a leafy raceme or panicle. Achenes obovate, contracted at the top . . . . . 15. Artemisia.

12 { Bracts of the involucre linear, equal in length, with a few very small outer ones . 13
   { Bracts of the involucre imbricated in two or more rows 14

13 { Radical leaves large, broadly heart-shaped or orbicular. Stem-leaves small and narrow . . . . . 2. Coltsfoot.
   { Leaves pinnate and toothed . . . . . 17. Senecio.

14 { Plants more or less covered with a white cotton or down. Involucral bracts also cottony, or shining and scarious, or coloured at the edge . . . 16. Cudweed.
   { Plants not woolly. Involucral bracts narrow and green 15

15 { All the florets tubular and 5-toothed 16
   { Outer florets of the head linear or filiform, although not longer than the central ones 17

16 { Involucral bracts few, oblong-linear. Plant growing in salt-marshes . . 3. Aster.
   { Involucral bracts numerous, narrow-linear. Plant growing on limestone rocks. 5. Linosyris.

17 { Tall stiff plant. Flower-heads ovoid, in a terminal corymb . . . 7. *Rigid* Inula.
   { Flower-heads numerous and small, in a long leafy panicle 4. *Canadian* Erigeron.

18 { Achenes without any pappus, or crowned by a small cup or minute scales . . . 19
   { Achenes bearing a pappus of hairs 23

19 { Receptacle bearing scales between the florets, at least among the central ones . . 20
   { Receptacle naked (without scales between the florets) 21

20 { Flower-heads rather large, with a convex or conical receptacle . . 11. Camomile.
   { Flower-heads small, with a small flat receptacle . . . . . 12. Achillea.

21 { Involucral bracts all green and of equal length . . . . . 8. Daisy.
   { Involucral bracts imbricated and scarious at the edges 22

22 { Receptacle flat or convex . . . . . 9. Chrysanthemum.
   { Receptacle conical, much elongated as the fruit ripens . . . . . 10. Matricary.

23 { Ray purple or blue 24
   { Ray yellow 25

24 { Involucral bracts and florets of the ray not numerous, oblong-linear . . 3. Aster.
   { Involucral bracts and florets of the ray very numerous and narrow . 4. Erigeron.

25 { Involucral bracts linear, equal in length, or with a few very small outer ones . . 26
   { Involucral bracts imbricated in two or more rows 28

26 { Radical leaves large, broadly heart-shaped or orbicular, distinct from the flowering stem. Florets of the ray narrow and very numerous . . . . . 2. Coltsfoot.
   { Radical leaves none, or at the base of the flowering stem. Florets of the ray linear or oblong 27

27 { Achenes of the ray without any pappus . . . . . 18. Doronic.
Achenes of the ray with a pappus like those of the disk . . . . . 17. Senecio.

28 { Florets of the ray not more than 10 or 12. Anthers without tails . 6. Goldenrod.
Florets of the ray very numerous, or at any rate above 20. Anthers with minute fine points or *tails* at their base . . . . . 7. Inule.

Thistleheads.

29 { Bracts of the involucre entire, obtuse or pointed, but not prickly 30
Bracts of the involucre ending in a long, stiff point, hooked at the extremity. 21. Burdock.
Bracts of the involucre prickly, or ending in a fringed or toothed appendage . . 32

30 { Hairs of the pappus simple . . . . . 22. Sawwort.
Hairs of the pappus feathery 31

31 { Leaves entire or coarsely toothed, not prickly . . . . . 23. Saussurea.
Leaves either prickly or bordered with minute stiff bristles . . . . 24. Thistle.

32 { Bracts of the involucre ending in a simple point or prickle 33
Bracts of the involucre ending in a fringed or toothed appendage, or in several points or prickles, or in a prickle branched at the base 34

33 { Receptacle bearing long chaffy bristles between the florets . . . . 24. Thistle.
Receptacle honeycombed with jagged edges to the cavities, but not bristly. 25. Onopord.

34 { Inner bracts of the involucre long, linear, shining and spreading, outer ones very prickly. Achenes silky . . . . . 26. Carline.
Bracts of the involucre toothed or jagged, not prickly . . . . . 27. Centaurea.
Bracts of the involucre prickly. Achenes glabrous 35

35 { Pappus of feathery hairs . . . . . 24. Thistle.
Pappus of simple bristles or none . . . . . 27. Centaurea.

Ligulates.

36 { Achenes, bearing a pappus of numerous long hairs 37
Achenes, without a pappus, or crowned by a few short scales 47

37 { Pappus with some or most of the hairs feathery 38
Pappus with all the hairs simple 42

38 { Involucre (very long) with all the bracts of equal length . . . . . 28. Salsify.
Involucre with outer bracts much smaller, or different from the inner ones . . 39

39 { External bracts of the involucre 4 or 5, broadly ovate or heart-shaped 29. Helminth.
External bracts of the involucre small and unequal 40

40 { Receptacle bearing some long chaffy scales between the florets . 32. Hypochæris.
Receptacle naked 41

41 { Stem leafy, branched, several-flowered, with clinging, hooked hairs. Achenes without a beak . . . . . 30. Picris.
Stem almost leafless, simple or slightly branched, with one or very few flower-heads. Achenes usually tapering into a short beak . . . . . 31. Hawkbit.

42 { Achenes more or less flattened. Leaves glabrous, often bearing prickles on the edges or midrib 43
Achenes cylindrical or angular. Leaves glabrous, hairy, or downy 44

43 { Achenes tapering into a slender beak bearing the pappus . . . . . 33. Lettuce.
Pappus sessile or not supported on a distinct, slender beak . . 34. Sowthistle.

44 { Achenes tapering into a slender beak, bearing the pappus 45
Pappus sessile or not supported on a distinct, slender beak 46

45 { Peduncles radical, simple, with a single flower-head . . . . . 35. Dandelion.
Flowering stems branched, bearing several heads . . . . . 36. Crepis.

46 { Achenes strongly striate, and slightly narrowed at the top. Pappus of numerous white hairs. Lower leaves frequently pinnatifid . . . . . 36. Crepis.
Achenes but slightly striate, not narrowed at the top. Pappus of rather stiff bristles, of a dirty white. Leaves toothed or entire . . . . . 37. Hawkweed.

47 { Flowers blue. Pappus a small cup formed of short scales . . . . 38. Chicory.
Flowers small and yellow. No pappus 48

48 { Stem 1 to 2 feet, leafy, with several flower-heads . . . . . 40. Lapsane.
Stem leafless, not 6 inches high, hollow under the flower-heads. Leaves radical. 39. Arnoseris.

The very numerous genera of *Composites* are distributed into four great Tribes or Suborders, of which the three following only are represented in Britain :—

I. Corymbifers (*Corymbiferæ*). Herbs (or, in some exotic species, trees or shrubs), with alternate or opposite leaves, not prickly (except in a few exotic species). Involucre

lucres seldom prickly. Outer florets of each head usually ligulate or filiform, or more slender than the central ones, and female or neuter. Central florets usually tubular, small, hermaphrodite, with 4 or 5 short lobes or teeth. Rarely all the florets are tubular, as in *Thistleheads;* but then the stylo is not swollen under the branches. This vast Suborder is again divided into Tribes, of which the British ones are :—

1. Eupatorieæ. Branches of the stylo usually club-shaped or obtuse. *Genera:*—1. Eupatory; 2. Coltsfoot.

2. Astereæ. Branches of the style usually flattened and pointed. *Genera:*—3. Aster; 4. Erigeron; 5. Linosyris; 6. Goldenrod; 7. Inule; 8. Daisy.

3. Senecioneæ. Branches of the style usually truncate at the top, with a tuft of minute hairs, or conical and pointed. *Genera:*—9. Chrysanthemum; 10. Matricary; 11. Camomile; 12. Achillea; 13. Diotis; 14. Tansy; 15. Artemisia; 16. Cudweed; 17. Senecio; 18. Doronic; 19. Bidens.

4. Ambrosieæ. Anthers closed round the style, but not united. *Genus,* 20. Bueweed.

II. Thistleheads (*Cynarocepholæ*). Herbs, with alternate or radical leaves, often prickly. Involucres usually globular or ovoid, with numerous imbricated, usually prickly or jagged bracts. Receptacle often thick and hard. Florets all tubular and regular, with 4 or 5 often narrow lobes. Style slightly swollen below the lobes. *Genera:*—21. Burdock; 22. Sawwort; 23. Saussurea; 24. Thistle; 25. Onoporp; 26. Carline; 27. Centaurea.

III. Ligulates (*Liguliflorœ* or *Chicoraceæ*). Herbs, with alternate or radical leaves, seldom prickly. All the florets ligulate, usually of several rows, the inner ones gradually shorter than the outer ones. *Genera:*—28. Salsify; 29. Helminth; 30. Picris; 31. Hawkbit; 32. Hypochæris; 33. Lettuce; 34. Sowthistle; 35. Dandelion; 36. Crepis; 37. Hawkweed; 38. Chicory; 39. Arnoseris; 40. Lapsane.

Among the numerous exotic genera familiar to us by long or general cultivation, may be mentioned the *Marigold* (*Calendula*), the *Sunflower* and *Jerusalem Artichoke* (*Helianthus*), the *French* and *African Marigolds* (Peruvian species of *Tagetes*), several *Everlastings* (*Helichrysum*, and other Cape and Australian genera), several species of *Coreopsis*, *Rudbeckia*, *Zinnia*, *Dahlia*, *Ageratum*, etc., all belonging to *Corymbifers;* the *Artichoke* and *Cardoon* (*Cynara*), and the *Globe-Thistle* (*Echinops*), *belonging to Thistleheads;* and *Scorzonera*, and *Catananche* among *Ligulates.*

I. **EUPATORY.** EUPATORIUM.

Herbs (or, in exotic species, shrubs), with leaves mostly opposite, and purplish or white flowers in terminal corymbs. Receptacle without scales. Florets all tubular and equal. Styles much exserted, with long, thickened or club-shaped branches. Achenes angular or striated, with a pappus of simple hairs.

A vast genus, chiefly American, with a few Asiatic species, one of which is also our European one, the only British *Composite* with opposite leaves, and florets not yellow.

1. **Common Eupatory. Eupatorium cannabinum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 428. *Hemp Agrimony.*)

Rootstock perennial, the stems erect, 3 or 4 feet high. Leaves 3 to 5 inches long, slightly downy, divided into 3 broadly lanceolate, coarsely toothed lobes, sometimes again slightly lobed, a few upper leaves occasionally simple and alternate. Flower-heads numerous, in compact terminal corymbs, of a pale reddish-purple. Involucres cylindrical, of very few unequal bracts, and usually containing 5 florets.

On banks and bushy places near water, throughout Europe and Central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Extends all over Britain. *Fl. summer.*

II. **COLTSFOOT.** TUSSILAGO.

Herbs, with perennial, creeping rootstocks, and large, broad, deeply cordate radical leaves; the flowering-stems issuing from separate buds, with small, narrow, alternate leaves, and terminal flower-heads, either solitary or in a raceme. Involucre of several linear bracts, with a few small outer ones. Outer florets female, either filiform or narrow-ligulate, the inner ones tubular, or sometimes all tubular. Receptacle without scales. Branches of the style cylindrical or club-shaped. Achenes cylindrical, with a copious pappus of simple hairs.

A genus of very few European or north Asiatic species, easily known among British *Composites* by the peculiar foliage.

Flower-heads solitary, the external florets yellow and narrow-ligulate . . . . . 1. *Common C.*
Flower-heads in a compound raceme, purple or pink, nearly all tubular, or nearly all small and filiform, not ligulate . . . . 2. *Butterbur C.*

1. **Common Coltsfoot. Tussilago Farfara,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 429. *Coltsfoot.*)

Flowering stems simple, but often growing in tufts, erect, about 6 inches high, more or less covered with a loose, white cotton; the small leaves or scales numerous, oblong or linear, entire and erect. Flower-head solitary, terminal; the florets of the ray numerous, ligulate, very narrow, but not long, of a bright yellow. Radical leaves appearing much later than the flower-stems, 4 or 5 inches broad, angular and toothed, covered underneath with a loose, white, cottony wool, of which there is a little also on the upper side.

In waste and cultivated ground throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia to the Arctic Circle, and a very troublesome weed in poor, stiff soils. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. early spring.*

2. **Butterbur Coltsfoot. Tussilago Petasites,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 431, and *T. hybrida*, Eng. Bot. t. 430. *Butterbur.*)

Leaves of the *common C.*, but usually larger. Flowering stems not in tufts, often a foot high when full-grown, with many flower-heads, of a dull pinkish-purple, in a narrow-oblong terminal panicle, and almost dicœcious. The male plant has a looser panicle of smaller heads, the florets tubular and male, or with a few filiform female ones on the outside; the female panicle more compact, the heads larger, the florets all filiform, or with a few tubular male ones in the centre.

In sandy meadows, on the banks of streams, or roadsides, in Europe and Russian Asia, but not an Arctic plant. Frequent in England, extending into southern Scotland. *Fl. spring.* It is often distinguished from *Coltsfoot* as a genus, under the name of *Petasites.*

The *winter Heliotrope* of our gardens, or *sweet Coltsfoot* (*Tussilago fragrans*), will sometimes establish itself near where it has been planted; it is very near the *Butterbur*, but easily known by its fragrant flowers.

III. **ASTER.** ASTER.

Herbs usually erect, with alternate, entire or toothed leaves, and radiate flower-heads in terminal corymbs. Involucral bracts imbricated in few

rows. Florets of the ray ligulate, purple or white, those of the disk tubular and yellow. Branches of the style somewhat flattened, and pointed. Anthers without tails. Achenes flattened, with a pappus of many hairs.

A very numerous North American genus, with a few species spread over northern Asia, Europe, and some other parts of the world. Several of the North American ones are known among the autumnal plants in our flower-gardens, under the name of *Michaelmas Daisies*. Our *China Asters* belong to a nearly allied genus (perhaps a mere section) from eastern Asia.

1. Sea Aster. **Aster Tripolium**, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 87.)

A glabrous perennial, seldom above a foot high, erect, or decumbent at the base, and slightly branched; the leaves linear, entire, and somewhat succulent. Flower-heads in a rather compact corymb, the involucral bracts few and oblong. Florets of the ray purplish, not numerous, and occasionally wanting; those of the disk longer than the involucre; the pappus also longer than the involucre.

In salt-marshes, common in Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Extends along the British coasts to the north of Scotland. *Fl. late in summer, or autumn.*

IV. **ERIGERON.** ERIGERON.

Differs from *Aster* in the involucral bracts very narrow and numerous, and in the outer florets very numerous, either filiform and not projecting beyond the involucre and pappus, or very narrow-ligulate, forming a short, coloured ray. The regular, tubular, yellowish florets in the centre often reduced to very few.

Its geographical range is even more extended than that of *Aster*, for several species are natives of the tropics; some are found in the extreme Arctic regions, or on the summits of the Alps, whilst others spread as weeds nearly all over the globe.

Outer florets all filiform, not projecting beyond the involucre. Heads very numerous, and small . . . . . 3. *Canadian E.*
Outer florets (some or all) forming a shortly projecting coloured ray.
Annual or biennial. Flower-heads several, on rather long peduncles. Ray erect, very little longer than the disk . . . . . 1. *Common E.*
Perennial. Flower-heads solitary or very few. Ray spreading, considerably longer than the disk . . . . . 2. *Alpine E.*

Several large-flowered American species are occasionally cultivated in our flower-gardens.

1. Common Erigeron. **Erigeron acris**, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1158. *Fleabane.*)

An erect annual or biennial, 6 inches to a foot high, slightly branched, and rather rough with short hairs. Leaves linear or lanceolate and entire, the radical ones stalked, but usually withered away at the time of flowering. Flower-heads rather small, solitary on the peduncles or upper branches, forming a short, loose panicle. Florets very numerous, mostly filiform and short, the outer rows of a pale purple, projecting slightly beyond the involucre and pappus, the tubular ones of the centre very few, of a pale yellow.

In pastures, on banks, roadsides, and waste places, common in the greater

part of Europe, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions, and in central and Russian Asia. Less frequent in England and Ireland, and rare in Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.* It varies much in stature, in the number and size of the flower-heads, and of the florets of the ray, but these are always smaller and more numerous than in the *alpine E.*, much larger and fewer than in the *Canadian E.*

2. **Alpine Erigeron. Erigeron alpinus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 464, and *E. uniflorus*, Eng. Bot. t. 2416.)

Stock perennial, with erect or ascending hairy stems, 2 to 6 or rarely 8 inches high. Radical leaves oblong-lanceolate, tapering at the base; stem-leaves smaller, few, and lanceolate. Flower-heads solitary on each stem, or rarely 2 or 3 in a loose corymb, each one at least half an inch in diameter; the florets like those of the *common E.*, except that the outer pink or purplish ones are longer, more decidedly ligulate, forming a distinct spreading ray.

In mountain pastures, in northern Europe, Asia, and America, to the Arctic regions, and in the higher mountain-ranges further south. In Britain, confined to some of the eastern Highlands of Scotland. *Fl. summer, rather late.*

3. **Canadian Erigeron. Erigeron canadensis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2019.)

A stiff, erect annual, 1 to 2 feet high, glabrous, except a few long, spreading hairs. Leaves narrow, and entire or slightly toothed. Flower-heads very small, green or whitish; very numerous, forming a long, narrow, leafy panicle. Florets minute, the outer ones filiform, not longer than the involucre, and slightly tinged with red; central ones tubular, yellowish-white.

A native of North America, now established in the greatest abundance as a roadside weed in almost all temperate and hot countries, and appears occasionally as such in England. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

V. **LINOSYRIS.** LINOSYRIS.

Habit, involucres, achenes, and pappus of *Erigeron*, but the florets are all tubular, yellow, and deeply 5-cleft.

A small genus, chiefly North American, with two or three Asiatic species, and a single European one.

1. **Common Linosyris. Linosyris vulgaris,** Cass.

(*Chrysocoma Linosyris*, Eng. Bot. t. 2505. *Goldilocks.*)

A glabrous, erect perennial, 6 inches to a foot high, with numerous narrow-linear, entire leaves, more or less dotted. Flower-heads in a rather compact, terminal corymb, of a bright yellow. Involucres imbricated, with numerous narrow bracts shorter than the florets and pappus. Achenes somewhat compressed, and silky.

In clefts of rocks, and on stony hills, and especially along the gravelly banks of great rivers in south-central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, not extending to northern Germany, although reappearing on the Isle of Oeland, in the Baltic. In Britain, confined to a few limestone cliffs on the southern and western coasts of England. *Fl. end of summer or autumn.*

VI. **GOLDENROD.** SOLIDAGO.

Herbs, usually tall, perennial, and leafy, with numerous rather small, yellow, radiate flower-heads. Involucres imbricate, in few rows. Receptacle without scales. Outer florets ligulate and few, inner ones tubular, all yellow. Style and anthers of *Aster*. Achenes cylindrical, with a pappus of many simple hairs.

A considerable North American genus, with a single species spreading over central and northern Asia and Europe. It differs from *Aster* in the yellow rays and cylindrical achenes, from *Inula* in the fewer ligulate florets, besides the microscopical but constant character derived from the tailless anthers.

1. **Common Goldenrod. Solidago Virga-aurea,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 301.)

Stock more or less tufted. Stems erect, stiff, nearly simple, 6 inches to 2 feet high, glabrous or minutely downy. Radical leaves obovate and stalked, stem-leaves oblong or lanceolate, slightly toothed, shortly tapering at the base. Flower-heads crowded in a narrow-oblong terminal panicle often leafy at the base, not large, of a bright yellow, each with a spreading ray of about 10 or 12 florets, and about twice that number of tubular ones in the disk.

In woods, very common throughout Europe, and central and Russian Asia, and northern America, to the Arctic regions. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

Several North American species have been long cultivated in our flower-gardens, and among them the *S. lanceolata* is said to have occasionally established itself in their vicinity.

VII. **INULE.** INULA.

Herbs, usually erect, with alternate, entire or toothed leaves. Flower-heads in terminal corymbs or panicles, or rarely solitary. Involucral bracts imbricated in several rows. Florets all yellow, the outer rows ligulate and radiating, or rarely short and concealed by the involucre; those of the disk tubular. Receptacle without scales. Achenes cylindrical or angular, with a pappus of many hairs. Anthers tipped at the lower end by two minute hair-like points called *tails*.

A numerous European and north-Asiatic genus, technically distinguished from *Goldenrod* by the tails of the anthers; but these, though constant, are so minute as not to be seen without a careful dissection and good magnifier. The florets of the ray are also very numerous and narrow in *Inule*, much fewer and broader in *Goldenrod*.

Flower-heads very large, with broadly ovate involucral bracts . . . 1. *Elecampane I.*
Flower-heads less than an inch in diameter. Involucral bracts narrow.
  Rays considerably longer than the involucre.
    Glabrous plants, with narrow, thick, succulent leaves . . . . 2. *Samphire I.*
    Downy plant, with flat, ovate or oblong, stem-clasping leaves . . 4. *Common I.*
  Rays very minute, concealed by the involucre, or scarcely longer.
    Tall perennial. Flower-heads ovoid, in dense corymbs . . . . 3. *Rigid I.*
    Annual, scarcely a foot high. Flower-heads broad, softly downy, in a loose, leafy corymb . . . . . 5. *Small I.*

1. **Elecampane Inule. Inula Helenium,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1546. *Elecampane.*)

A coarse perennial, with stout, erect, scarcely branched stems, about 2 feet high. Radical leaves often a foot long, oblong, and narrowed into a stalk; the upper ones ovate or obloug, clasping the stem, nearly glabrous above, more or less softly hairy underneath. Flower-heads very large, solitary at the ends of the branches. Involucral bracts broadly ovate and softly hairy. Florets of the ray numerous, long, and linear.

In rich hilly pastures, in central and southern Europe, and eastward to the Caucasus and Himalaya, and, having been much cultivated in former days in herb-gardens, it has established itself in many places further north. It may therefore be only an introduced plant in Britain, when growing, as it generally does, in the neighbourhood of old castles and gardens; but is also believed to be truly indigenous in some parts of southern England, South Wales, and Ireland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

2. **Samphire Inule. Inula crithmoides,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 68. *Golden Samphire.*)

A glabrous, erect perennial, about a foot high or rather more. Leaves numerous, linear, thick and succulent, entire or with one or two small teeth at the base. Flower-heads not large, solitary on the short branches of a short, leafy panicle. Involucral bracts numerous and narrow. Florets of the ray bright-yellow and spreading, not so narrow or so numerous as in the other species, yet twice as many as in the *common Goldenrod.*

In salt-marshes, in western Europe, and all round the Mediterranean; frequent on the southern and western coasts of Britain up to Kirkcudbright and Wigton, both in salt-marshes and on dry maritime limestone rocks. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

3. **Rigid Inule. Inula Conyza,** DC.

(*Conyza squarrosa*, Eng. Bot. t. 1195. *Ploughman's Spikenard.*)

A hard, erect biennial, 2 to 3 feet high, covered with a short down, rough on the stem, soft and cottony on the under side of the leaves. Leaves ovate-lanceolate, the lower ones stalked, the upper sessile. Flower-heads numerous, in a terminal corymb. Involucres ovoid; the bracts numerous, the outer ones tipped with green, the inner linear, reddish, and erect. Outer florets numerous but very small, their purple styles alone protruding beyond the involucre, so that the plant appears at first sight to have no ray.

In hedges and open woods, on banks and roadsides, in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, extending northwards into Denmark, but not into north-eastern Germany. In Britain, as far north as Westmorland, but neither in Ireland nor Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

4. **Common Inule. Inula dysenterica,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. 1115. *Fleabane.*)

Rootstock perennial, with ascending or erect stems 1 to 2 feet high, loosely branched, and, as well as the foliage, more or less downy or woolly. Leaves oblong, much waved, clasping the stem with rounded auricles. Flower-heads pedunculate in the upper axils or at the ends of the branches, hemispherical, rather more than half an inch in diameter, with a ray of very numerous, linear, spreading florets of a bright yellow. Involucral bracts also

numerous and narrow. Pappus-hairs few and shorter than in the three preceding species, and enclosed at the base in a minute membranous cup.

In wet pastures, ditches, and roadsides, in central and southern Europe and western and central Asia, extending northwards to the Baltic. Abundant in southern England and Ireland, becoming rare in the north, and scarcely found in Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.* This and the following species are sometimes separated as a genus, under the name of *Pulicaria*.

5. **Small Inule. Inula Pulicaria,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1196. *Fleabane.*)

An erect, branching annual, seldom a foot high, with narrower and less woolly leaves than the *common I.*, which it resembles in many respects. Flower-heads much smaller, and the florets of the ray, although very numerous, yellow, and spreading, are so short as at first sight to escape observation. The minute outer scales of the pappus are distinct, not forming a little cup as in the *common I.*

In moist waste places, roadsides, and sandy heaths, ranging over Europe, extending eastward across Russian Asia, and northward to southern Sweden. In Britain, chiefly in south-eastern England, and not known either in Ireland or Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

VIII. **DAISY.** BELLIS.

Low herbs, with alternate or radical, entire or toothed leaves. Flower-heads solitary, on radical or axillary peduncles, with a yellow disk and white or pink ray. Involucre hemispherical, with many bracts of equal length, in about two rows, and green, not scarious, at the tips. Receptacle conical, without scales. Achenes compressed, without any pappus. Style nearly that of *Aster*.

A small genus, extending over the temperate regions of the northern hemisphere.

1. **Common Daisy. Bellis perennis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 424.)

Stock perennial, tufted. Leaves radical, obovate or oblong, slightly toothed. Peduncles also radical, leafless, bearing single flower-heads. Involucres green, nearly glabrous. Florets of the ray ligulate, white or tinged with pink; those of the disk numerous, small, and tubular.

In pastures, common throughout Europe, except the extreme north, but apparently not extending eastward beyond the Caucasus, nor ascending high into mountain regions. Abundant all over Britain. *Fl. nearly the whole year round.*

IX. **CHRYSANTHEMUM.** CHRYSANTHEMUM.

Annual or perennial herbs (or, in some exotic species, shrubs), with alternate toothed or variously dissected leaves, and radiating flower-heads, solitary on terminal peduncles, or in corymbs. Involucres hemispherical, with a few rows of imbricate bracts, more or less scarious on the edges. Receptacle flat or convex, without scales. Achenes angular or striate, without any pappus, but sometimes crowned with a minute raised border. Style nearly that of *Senecio*.

A considerable genus, extending over Europe, northern and central Asia, and northern Africa. It has been divided by modern botanists into a number of small genera, founded upon minute, almost microscopical, characters, having little relation to general habit. Among them *Pyrethrum* has been the most generally adopted, although botanists are but little agreed as to the characters or species which should be assigned to it.

Ray yellow . . . . . 2. *Corn C.*
Ray white.
Leaves toothed only . . . . . 1. *Oxeye C.*
Leaves pinnate.
Flower-heads in corymbs. Segments of the leaves pinnatifid and toothed . . . . . 3. *Feverfew C.*
Flower-heads on terminal peduncles. Leaves 2 or 3 times pinnate, with narrow-linear or filiform lobes . . . . . 4. *Scentless C.*

The old *yellow* and *white Chrysanthemums* of our cottage gardens belong to a north African species (*C. coronarium*). The late autumnal flowers now so generally cultivated, under the name of *Chrysanthemums*, are varieties of the *C. indicum* from China.

1. **Oxeye Chrysanthemum. Chrysanthemum Leucanthemum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 601. *Oxeye Daisy.*)

A perennial, with erect, simple or slightly branched stems, 1 to 2 feet high, glabrous or slightly downy. Radical leaves obovate and coarsely toothed, on long stalks; stem-leaves narrow, sessile, with a few coarse teeth. Flower-heads solitary on long terminal peduncles, and rather large. Involucral bracts bordered by a brown, scarious edge. Florets of the ray white, more than half an inch long; those of the disk numerous, small, and yellow.

In pastures, on banks, etc., throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle. Extends all over Britain. *Fl. summer, commencing in spring.*

2. **Corn Chrysanthemum. Chrysanthemum segetum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 540. *Corn Marigold.*)

A glabrous, erect annual, about a foot high or rather more, with spreading branches. Lower leaves obovate and stalked; upper ones narrow and stem-clasping, generally with a few deeply cut teeth at the top. Flower-heads rather large, on terminal peduncles; the involucral bracts broadly scarious; the florets of the ray as well as the disk of a deep golden-yellow.

A cornfield weed, probably of Mediterranean origin, but now common all over Europe, except the extreme north. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

3. **Feverfew Chrysanthemum. Chrysanthemum Parthenium,** Pers.
(*Pyrethrum.* Eng. Bot. t. 1231.)

Stock perennial, shortly branched; the flowering stems erect, branching, a foot high or rather more. Leaves pinnate; the segments ovate or oblong, pinnatifid and toothed. Flower-heads numerous, about half an inch in diameter, in a terminal corymb; the florets of the ray white, ovate or oblong, those of the disk numerous and yellow. Achenes crowned by a minute toothed border.

On roadsides, and in waste places, in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, and spread from cultivation much further north, as well as to many other parts of the globe. Dispersed over a great part of Britain, but

perhaps not truly indigenous. *Fl. summer.* A very double variety is now frequent in our flower-gardens.

4. **Scentless Chrysanthemum. Chrysanthemum inodorum,** Linn. (Eng. Bot. t. 676.)

An erect or spreading, branched annual, 1 to 1½ feet high, with the leaves of a *Camomile*, twice or thrice pinnate, with numerous narrow-linear, almost capillary lobes. Flower-heads rather large, on terminal peduncles. Involucral bracts with a brown, scarious edge, as in the *Oxeye C.* Florets of the ray white, about 7 or 8 lines long; those of the disk numerous and yellow. Receptacle convex or hemispherical, but not conical as in *Matricary.* Achenes prominently ribbed, crowned with a minute, entire or 4-toothed border.

In fields and waste places, common in Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions. Extends all over Britain. *Fl. the whole season.* A maritime variety, with the leaves rather succulent, and the flowers not so large, has been considered as a distinct species (*Pyrethrum maritimum*, Eng. Bot. t. 979).

X. **MATRICARY.** MATRICARIA.

Habit, foliage, and conical receptacle of *Camomile*, but the receptacle without scales, as in *Chrysanthemum.* Achenes, as in both genera, angular or striate, without any pappus, but sometimes crowned with a minute border.

A very small European, northern Asiatic, and North American genus.

1. **Common Matricary. Matricaria Camomilla,** Linn. (Eng. Bot. t. 1232. *Wild Camomile.*)

Resembles so closely the *fetid Camomile* that it can scarcely be distinguished but by the absence of the scales between the florets. It is, like that plant, an erect, branching annual; the leaves twice or thrice pinnate, with short but very narrow linear segments, and the flower-heads rather large, on terminal peduncles. Involucral bracts all nearly of the same length, with scarious edges. Ray-florets white. Receptacle much elongated as the flowering advances. Achenes without any border at the top.

In fields and waste places, in Europe and Russian Asia. Probably diffused all over Britain, but often confounded with the *corn* or the *fetid Camomile. Fl. the whole season.*

XI. **CAMOMILE.** ANTHEMIS.

Herbs, with alternate, much cut leaves, and radiating flower-heads, solitary on terminal peduncles, or in a loose corymb. Involucres hemispherical, with a few rows of bracts more or less scarious on the edges. Receptacle convex or conical, with scales between all or at least the central florets. Achenes angular or striate, without any pappus, or crowned by a minute border. Style nearly that of *Senecio.*

A rather large genus, spread over Europe, temperate Asia, and northern Africa; differing from most *Chrysanthemums* in habit, and from all in the

scales of the receptacle. It has recently been divided into several groups, too technical to be adopted as genera.

Rays yellow . . . . . 4. *Yellow C.*
Rays white.
Florets of the ray without any style. Erect, glabrous annual . . . 1. *Fetid C.*
Florets of the ray with a style. Plant downy.
Procumbent or creeping perennial. Receptacle-scales oblong and obtuse . . . . . 3. *Common C.*
Erect or decumbent branching annual. Receptacle-scales narrow and pointed . . . . . 2. *Corn C.*

1. **Fetid Camomile. Anthemis Cotula,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1772. *Stink Mayweed.*)

An erect, branching annual, a foot high or rather more, glabrous, but sprinkled with glandular dots, and emitting a disagreeable smell when rubbed. Lower leaves twice or thrice, upper ones once pinnate, with very narrow-linear, short, pointed lobes, entire or divided. Flower-heads in a loose terminal corymb. Involucre slightly cottony, the inner bracts scarious at the top. Receptacle convex from the beginning, lengthening out as the flowering advances into a narrow oblong shape, with a few linear, pointed scales among the central florets. Ray-florets white, without any trace of the style. Achenes rough with glandular dots, without any border.

In cultivated ground, and waste places ; a common weed all over Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in southern England and Ireland, much less so in the north, and rare in Scotland. *Fl. all summer and autumn.*

2. **Corn Camomile. Anthemis arvensis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 602.)

A coarser plant than the *fetid C.*, sometimes biennial, often decumbent, more or less downy with minute silky hairs, the leafy branches terminating in single flower-heads. Segments of the leaves shorter, and not so narrow as in the last, the flower-heads rather larger, the bracts of the receptacle usually broader, and the florets of the ray have always a style although they do not always perfect their fruit.

Less widely diffused than the *fetid C.*, and chiefly south European, bu extends also over a great part of the Continent. Certainly not very common in England or Ireland, and local or rare in Scotland, but so frequently confounded with allied species that its precise distribution is difficult to ascertain. *Ft. spring and summer.* A maritime variety, with a more spreading stem and thicker leaves, found on the north-east coast of England, has been figured as *A. maritima* (Eng. Bot. t. 2370), but the true plant of that name is limited to the shores of the Mediterranean. The British plant has been since described as a species, under the name of *A. anglica.*

3. **Common Camomile. Anthemis nobilis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 980.)

A procumbent or creeping, branched perennial; the flowering branches shortly ascending, and leafy. Segments of the leaves fine, and pointed as in the *fetid C.*, but fewer and more compact. Flower-heads on terminal peduncles, with white rays. Inner involucral bracts more scarious at the top than in the two last. Scales of the receptacle rather broad, obtuse, and nearly as long as the central florets.

A native, apparently, of western Europe, and chiefly of sandy pastures near the sea, but, having been long cultivated, it has established itself in so many places that its precise area cannot well be made out. Evidently indigenous in southern England and Ireland, but decreases rapidly northward, and not a true native of Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

4. **Yellow Camomile. Anthemis tinctoria,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1472.)

This has much the habit and aspect of the *corn C.*, but is usually a taller plant and more downy, the leaves less divided, with pinnatifid or toothed segments, the flower-heads rather larger, and the rays of a bright yellow.

In cultivated and waste places, in central and eastern Europe and Russian Asia, abundant in Denmark and eastern France, but scarcely further west. In Britain, said to be indigenous in some of the eastern counties of England. *Fl. end of summer.*

XII. **ACHILLEA.** ACHILLEA.

Herbs, mostly perennial, with alternate, much divided, or rarely simple leaves; the flower-heads rather small, in a terminal corymb, with white or pink rays, and a yellow disk. Involucres ovoid or hemispherical, the bracts imbricated, only slightly scarious on the edges. Receptacle small, not convex, with scales between the florets. Achenes without any pappus. Style nearly that of *Senecio.*

A considerable European and west Asiatic genus, divided by modern botanists into two sections or genera, represented by the two British species, but separated by very trifling characters.

Leaves linear, serrated. Flower-heads few, hemispherical . . . . 1. *Sneezewort A.*
Leaves much divided. Flower-heads numerous, small, and ovoid . . 2. *Milfoil A.*

1. **Sneezewort Achillea. Achillea Ptarmica,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 757. *Sneezewort.*)

Rootstock perennial and creeping. Stems erect and glabrous, 1 to 2 feet high, nearly simple. Leaves rather broadly linear, and regularly serrate. Flower-heads few, in a loose terminal corymb. Involucres hemispherical, slightly cottony, smaller than in the *Camomiles,* but much larger than in the *Milfoil A.* Florets of the ray generally from 10 to 15, short, broad, and white; those of the disk numerous, interspersed with small linear scales.

In moist, chiefly hilly pastures, in northern and central Europe and Russian Asia, becoming a mountain plant in southern Europe, yet not extending to the Arctic regions. Common in Britain. *Fl. summer, rather late.*

2. **Milfoil Achillea. Achillea Millefolium,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 758. *Milfoil* or *Yarrow.*)

Stock perennial, creeping underground, with numerous short, leafy barren branches, and erect, almost simple flowering stems, about a foot high. Leaves oblong or linear in their outline, but finely cut into numerous short, but very narrow and deeply pinnatifid segments. Flower-heads numerous, small, and ovoid, in a dense terminal corymb. Florets of the ray seldom above 5 or 6 in each head, white or pink.

In pastures, meadows, waste places, etc., very abundant in Europe and Russian Asia from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle, and extends over a great part of North America. It is also one of the commonest of British

plants. *Fl. the whole summer.* It varies with the foliage nearly glabrous or densely covered with white woolly hairs.

XIII. **DIOTIS.** DIOTIS.

A single, very cottony species, distinguished generally from *Achillea* by the florets, all tubular, with two projecting *ears* at the base, which enclose the achene and remain upon it after the upper part falls off.

1. Sea Diotis. **Diotis maritima,** Cass.

(*Santolina.* Eng. Bot. t. 141.)

Rootstock perennial and creeping; the stems branching at the base, hard and almost woody, seldom a foot high, covered, as well as the leaves and involucres, with a dense, white, cottony wool. Leaves alternate, oblong, entire or slightly toothed, about half an inch long. Flower-heads nearly globular, about 4 lines diameter, in dense terminal corymbs. Florets yellow and small. Receptacle convex, with scales between the florets. Achenes without pappus or border except the persistent base of the floret.

In maritime sands on the Mediterranean and Atlantic. Extends on the English coasts up to Anglesea on one side and Suffolk on the other, but not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. end of summer or autumn.*

XIV. **TANSY.** TANACETUM.

Herbs, with much divided, alternate leaves. Flower-heads hemispherical, in terminal corymbs. Involucral bracts imbricated, scarious at the edges. Receptacle without scales. Florets yellow, all tubular, or the outer ones ligulate but not longer than the others. Achenes angular, with a flat top, without any pappus.

A small genus, from the Mediterranean and Caucasian regions, differing from *Artemisia* technically in the shape of the achene, but more evidently in the larger, more yellow, corymbose, not paniculate, flower-heads.

1. Common Tansy. **Tanacetum vulgare,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1229.)

A stout, erect perennial, 2 to 3 feet high, glabrous or slightly downy, with a strong scent and bitter savour. Rootstock creeping. Leaves rather large, pinnate, with oblong-linear, pinnatifid or toothed segments. Flower-heads numerous, hemispherical, about 4 lines diameter, of a golden yellow, in a large terminal corymb.

On the edges of fields, roadsides, and waste places, in Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle. Extends all over Britain, either indigenous or in some places introduced. *Fl. end of summer.*

XV. **ARTEMISIA.** ARTEMISIA.

Herbs or shrubs, usually highly aromatic, with narrow, alternate leaves, usually much divided, and often white or grey, at least on the under side. Flower-heads small, in terminal leafy racemes or panicles. Involucral

bracts imbricated, usually looscly cottony, with slightly scarious edges. Florets the length of the involucres, yellow or greenish, either all tubular and 5-toothed, or the central ones tubular, 5-toothed, and male or barren, and the outer ones filiform, or 3-toothed, female, and fertile. Receptacle without scales. Achenes obovate, rounded or narrow at the top, without any pappus.

A numerous genus, often covering vast tracts of land in eastern Europe and central Asia, and extending over nearly the whole of the northern hemisphere from the Arctic regions to the borders of the tropics.

Stems spreading, much branched. Segments of the leaves narrow-linear or subulate.
Stem and leaves cottony white. Involucres narrow-ovoid or cylindrical, cottony . . . . . 2. *Sea A.*
Stem and leaves green or reddish. Involucres ovoid, glabrous . . 1. *Field A.*
Flowering stems or branches tall and erect. Segments of the leaves flat, broadly linear, or lanceolate.
Leaves green above, white underneath, with pointed segments . . 3. *Common A.*
Leaves silky, whitish on both sides, with obtuse segments . . . 4. *Wormwood A.*

The shrubby *Southernwood* and the *Taragon* of our gardens are species of *Artemisia*; the latter (*A. Dracunculus*) is one of the very few species in which the leaves are not dissected.

1. **Field Artemisia.** **Artemisia campestris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 338.)

Stock herbaceous and hard, or shrubby, low, and branched; the annual branches twiggy, very spreading or procumbent, a foot long or more, nearly glabrous, often turning red. Leaves small, once or twice pinnate, with few very narrow-linear segments, green, at least on the upper side. Flower-heads small, ovoid, in numerous loose spikes or racemes, forming a long leafy panicle. Involucre not cottony, containing 5 or 6 outer female florets, and about as many central, male or barren ones.

In heaths, and dry, sandy, or stony wastes, widely spread over Europe and temperate Asia, extending far into Scandinavia. In Britain, almost peculiar to a small tract of country in the north-west of Suffolk and adjacent portion of Norfolk. *Fl. autumn.*

2. **Sea Artemisia.** **Artemisia maritima,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. 1706, and *A. gallica*, Eng. Bot. t. 1001.)

A much branched, decumbent or nearly erect undershrub, more or less covered with a close white cotton. Leaves twice pinnate, with narrow-linear segments, shorter and more compact than in the *field A.* Flower-heads small, narrow-ovoid or nearly cylindrical, erect or drooping, each containing from 3 to 5 or 6 florets, all tubular and fertile.

In sandy wastes, generally near the sea, occupying large tracts of country near the Caspian and Black Seas, and extending round the Mediterranean, and along the Atlantic, up to the coasts of Britain, where however it is not very frequent. *Fl. autumn.*

3. **Common Artemisia.** **Artemisia vulgaris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 978. *Mugwort.*)

Stock thick and woody, but short, with erect flowering stems, 2 to 3 feet high. Leaves once or twice deeply pinnatifid, with lanceolate, pointed lobes or segments, coarsely-toothed or lobed, green and glabrous above, very white underneath. Flower-heads ovoid, with cottony involucres, forming a

long terminal paniele, eaeh head eontaining 12 to 20 eomplete florets and a few female ones, all fertile.

On roadsides and waste plaees, either indigenous or introdueed, over nearly the whole area of the genus. Common in Britain. *Fl. end of summer, and autumn.* The *A. cærulescens* (Eng. Bot. t. 2426) is a garden variety of this plant.

4. **Wormwood Artemisia. Artemisia Absinthium,** Linn. (Eng. Bot. t. 1230. *Wormwood* or *Absinth.*)

Stoek short, but branehed and leafy, sometimes almost woody; the flowering stems ereet and hard but annual, 1 to 2 feet high; the whole plant of a greyish white, with a very elose almost silky down. Leaves almost orbieular in their general outline, but mueh eut into oblong, linear, obtuso lobes. Flower-heads numerous, drooping, nearly hemispherieal, and larger than in the other British speeies; the outer braets narrow-linear, the inner ones very broad. Central florets numerous and mostly fertile; the outer female ones small and often barren.

On roadsides and waste places, over the greater part of Europe and Russian Asia, but in many eases introdueed only, having been formerly much eultivated for its bitter qualities. In Britain, it appears truly indigenous near the sea in many parts of England and southern Seotland; in the interior it is eonfined to the neighbourhood of villages and habitations. *Fl. autumn.*

XVI. **CUDWEED.** GNAPHALIUM.

Herbs, more or less eovered with a grey or white, eottony wool; the leaves narrow and entire. Flower-heads small, sessile, often elustered, rarely forming terminal eorymbs. Involueral braets imbrieated, eottony outside, and more or less dry, searious, and often eoloured at the tips. Reeeptaele small, without seales. Florets of the eentre tubular, but often barren; those of the eireumferenee filiform and female, or the two kinds separated in different heads. Anthers with minute bristles or hair-like points at their base. Style of *Senecio*. Aehenes with a pappus of simple hairs.

If taken in its integrity, this genus is one of the most extensive among *Composites*, and the widest-diffused over the globe. It has been, however, subdivided into a very large number of small genera upon minute eharaeters, the natural value of whieh is seareely yet satisfaetorily established. The most marked of them applieable to the British speeies, and whieh may be eonsidered at any rate as seetions, are the following:—1. Antennaria; flower-heads diœcious, eomprising the *diœcious C.* and the *pearl C.* 2. Merope; hairs of the pappus eombined in a ring at the base; the *wood C.* and the *dwarf C.* 3. Filago; reeeptaele bearing a row of seales between the outer and the next row of florets; the *common C.*, *narrow C.*, and *least C.* Leaving in 4, Gnaphalium, the somewhat dissimilar *Jersey C.* and *marsh C.*

Most of the *Composite Everlastings* of our gardens belong to the allied genus *Helichrysum*, of whieh no species are British.

Inner braets of the involuere pure-white at the tips. Flower-heads almost diœcious, in terminal eorymbs.
Low plant, with 3 to 6 heads in the eorymb . . . . . 1. *Mountain C.*
Tall plant, with a large eorymb of numerous heads . . . . . 2. *Pearl C.*

Inner bracts of the involucre brown or pale at the tips. Flower-heads in clusters or rarely solitary, including both kinds of florets.
Perennials. Flower-heads in leafy spikes, or terminal and few.
Flower-heads in oblong or elongated leafy spikes. Outer filiform florets numerous. Achenes not flattened . . . . . 4. *Wood C.*
Flower-heads solitary or very few, on a dwarf stem. Outer filiform florets few. Achenes flattened . . . . . 5. *Dwarf C.*
Flower-heads densely clustered, terminal, almost corymbose. Outer filiform florets numerous. Achenes not flattened . . 3. *Jersey C.*
Annuals. Flower-heads small, numerous, in lateral or terminal clusters.
Clusters terminal, surrounded by leaves much longer than the heads.
Florets very numerous, all within the involucre without intervening scales . . . . . 6. *Marsh C.*
Outer filiform florets separated by scales of the receptacle, outermost of all embraced by the inner involucral bracts . . . 9. *Narrow C.*
Clusters terminal or lateral; the surrounding leaves shorter or scarcely longer.
Involucres very small, in very dense clusters, with a row of scales on the receptacle within the outer row of florets.
Clusters few, globular, and terminal, with more than 20 heads 7. *Common C.*
Clusters numerous, lateral and terminal, with less than 10 heads.
Leaves linear-lanceolate . . . . . 8. *Field C.*
Leaves linear-subulate . . . . . 9. *Narrow C.*
Involucres loosely clustered, 2 or 3 lines diameter. Florets all within the inner bracts of the involucre . . . . . 3. *Jersey C.*

1. **Mountain Cudweed. Gnaphalium dioicum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 267. *Antennaria*, Brit. Fl. *A. hyperborea*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2640. *Mountain Everlasting*, or *Cat's-ear*.)

A small perennial, with a tufted or creeping leafy stalk, and almost simple flowering stems, 2 to 4 or 5 inches high. Lower leaves obovate or oblong; upper ones linear, white underneath or on both sides. Flower-heads 3 or 4 together, in compact, terminal corymbs, and dicœcious. In the males the inner bracts of the involucre have broad, white, petal-like tips, spreading like the ligulate florets of a radiating flower-head; the florets all tubular and short. In the females the inner bracts are narrow, white at the tips, but not spreading, and the florets all filiform, with a long protruding pappus to the achenes.

In mountain pastures, common in northern Europe, Asia, and America, to the Arctic regions, and in the great mountain-ranges of central and southern Europe and Russian Asia. Abundant in Scotland, Wales, and many parts of England, descending occasionally nearly to the coast level. *Fl. summer, rather early.*

2. **Pearl Cudweed. Gnaphalium margaritaceum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2018. *Antennaria*, Brit. Fl.)

An erect perennial, 2 to 3 feet high. Leaves linear-lanceolate, white and cottony underneath or on both sides. Flower-heads numerous, in flat terminal corymbs, usually dicœcious, but less absolutely so than in the *mountain C.*; the involucres of both kinds with several rows of very white, broad, loose or spreading bracts.

A North American and central Asiatic plant, long cultivated among our garden *Everlastings*, and now apparently naturalized in a few localities in Monmouthshire and in South Wales. *Fl. end of summer.*

3. **Jersey Cudweed. Gnaphalium luteo-album,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1002.)

An annual or biennal, scarcely a foot high; the stems erect or ascending, and all covered with soft, white cotton. Leaves narrow. Flower-heads 2 or 3 lines in diameter, irregularly clustered in a dense corymb. Involucral scales scarious at the top, of a pale-brown, yellow, or dirty-white colour, but not spreading. Florets very numerous, mostly female and filiform, with a few tubular male or complete ones in the centre.

In sandy fields, pastures, and waste places, dispersed nearly all over the temperate and warmer regions of the globe, extending in Europe to the Baltic, but not beyond. In the British Isles, hitherto confined to Jersey. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

4. **Wood Cudweed. Gnaphalium sylvaticum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 913. *G. rectum*, Eng. Bot. t. 124.)

Stock perennial, tufted or shortly creeping, with long-stalked, lanceolate leaves. Flowering stems nearly simple, erect, from 2 to 6 or 8 inches high, with linear leaves, usually cottony on the under side only, but sometimes on both sides. Flower-heads small, cylindrical or ovoid, either solitary or in little clusters in the axils of the upper leaves, forming a long, leafy spike. Involucres scarcely cottony, with brown, shining bracts; the outer filiform florets more numerous than the inner tubular ones. Achenes slender, nearly cylindrical.

In open woods, heaths, and pastures, in northern and central Europe and Russian Asia, and all round the Arctic Circle; becoming a mountain plant in the south, and scarcely reaching the Mediterranean. Extends over the whole of Britain, but rare in south-western England. *Fl. summer and autumn.* A high alpine or Arctic variety, with the leaves cottony on both sides, and the flower-heads darker coloured, in a short terminal spike, has been distinguished under the name of *G. norvegicum* or *fuscatum*, and has been found on some of the Scotch mountains.

5. **Dwarf Cudweed. Gnaphalium supinum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1193, *unusually luxuriant.*)

A small, tufted perennial, with narrow leaves, sometimes resembling dwarf specimens of the *wood C.*, but the stem seldom 2 inches high, bearing only very few flower-heads in a terminal cluster, or only a single one; and sometimes the flower-heads are almost sessile in the centre of the radical leaves. Involucres brown, like those of the *wood C.*, but the filiform florets are much fewer, and the achenes broader and evidently flattened.

An Arctic and high alpine plant, extending over the principal mountain-ranges of Europe and western Asia to the Arctic Circle. Not uncommon in the Scotch Highlands. *Fl. summer.*

6. **Marsh Cudweed. Gnaphalium uliginosum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1194. *Cudweed.*)

A much branched, cottony annual, seldom above 6 inches high; the leaves linear or narrow-oblong, the upper ones waved on the edges. Flower-heads small and clustered, many together, within a tuft of rather long leaves at the extremity of the branches. Involucral bracts brown and scarious. Florets about the length of the involucre, the 3 or 4 outer rows

filiform, with a very few tubular ones in the centre. Achenes very minute, scarcely compressed, with a very deciduous pappus of distinct hairs.

In fields and waste places, especially in wet, sandy situations, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions. Common in Britain. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

7. **Common Cudweed. Gnaphalium germanicum,** Willd.

(Eng. Bot. t. 946. *Filago*, Brit. Fl. *F. apiculata* and *F. spathulata*, Bab. Man. *Cudweed.*)

An erect, cottony annual, about 6 or 8 inches high, simple or branched at the base; each stem terminated either by a single globular cluster of flower-heads, or throwing out immediately under it 2 or 3 branches, each ending in a similar cluster. Leaves erect, lanceolate or linear, pointed or obtuse, sometimes slightly spathulate; those under the clusters shorter or rather longer than the clusters themselves. Flower-heads very small, from 20 to 30 in each cluster; the involucres ovoid-conical, more or less angular, of a pale yellow or brown; the bracts usually acute. Florets shorter than the involucres; the outer filiform ones mostly concealed among the scales of the receptacle (or inner bracts of the involucre), with a few, chiefly tubular, in the centre, without scales.

In dry pastures, and stony or sandy wastes, over the whole of Europe and western Asia except the extreme north. Abundant in England, rather less so in Scotland. *Fl. the whole summer.* It has been subdivided into several supposed species, upon characters derived from the shorter or longer, and more or less obtuse or acute floral leaves, from the quantity of cotton on the involucres, and from their obtuse or acute bracts.

8. **Field Cudweed. Gnaphalium arvense,** Willd.

(*G. minimum*, Eng. Bot. t. 1157. *Filago minima*, Brit. Fl.)

A much more slender and smaller annual than the *common C.*, which it otherwise resembles in foliage and mode of growth. It is more irregularly branched at the top, the leaves smaller, the clusters of flower-heads smaller and more numerous, each consisting of from 3 to 10 minute conical heads. Involucres cottony at the base, shining at the tips, and only one or two outer rows of filiform florets are amongst the scales of the receptacle.

In fields, and stony or sandy wastes, with a wider range than that of the *common C.*, extending all across Russian Asia, and more common in the north, although not an Arctic plant. In Britain, it has been observed in a few localities in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland, but perhaps frequently overlooked owing to its small size. *Fl. the whole summer.*

9. **Narrow Cudweed. Gnaphalium gallicum,** Huds.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2369. *Filago*, Brit. Fl.)

Very near the *field C.*, but much more branched, the leaves almost subulate and much longer, the clusters of flower-heads very numerous and small, the leaves which surround them longer than the involucres, whilst in the two last they are mostly shorter. Involucres very small and conical, containing but very few florets. Some of the outermost row are embraced as it were each by one of the inner bracts of the involucre, with a row of receptacular scales between them and the next row, thus distinguishing this species from small specimens of the *marsh C.*, which it sometimes resembles.

In fields and sandy wastes, in western and southern Europe, becoming

rare in Germany. Very local in Britain, having been chiefly recorded from some of the eastern counties of England. *Fl. summer.*

XVII. **SENECIO.** SENECIO.

Herbs (or, in some exotic species, shrubs), with alternate, toothed or divided, rarely entire leaves. Flower-heads in terminal corymbs; the florets of the disk yellow and tubular, those of the ray also yellow (or, in some exotic species, blue, purple, or white), spreading, or rarely wanting. Involucre cylindrical or nearly hemispherical, with 1 or 2 rows of linear bracts of equal length, often tipped with brown, usually, but not always, accompanied by a few small outer bracts at their base. Receptacle without scales. Achenes cylindrical, with a pappus of simple hairs, usually soft and white. Branches of the style truncate at the top, usually with a tuft of minute hairs.

This, the largest of all *Composite* genera, is spread over every quarter of the globe, although the majority of species occupy each a small area. Several species which have not the small outer bracts to the involucre, were distinguished by Linnæus under the name of *Cineraria*, but the character has proved so uncertain that modern botanists have given it up.

Leaves cut and divided.
Florets of the ray very small and rolled back, or entirely wanting.
Root annual.
Ray none. Flower-heads almost sessile, in dense corymbs or clusters . . . . . 1. *Groundsel S.*
Ray small and rolled back. Flower-heads stalked, in loose corymbs.
Whole plant very viscid. Involucres broadly cylindrical, of about 20 bracts, with 2 or 3 short outer ones. Achenes glabrous . . . . . 2. *Viscous S.*
Plant rarely viscid. Involucres narrow, of about 12 to 14 bracts; the outer ones scarcely perceptible. Achenes silky . . . . . 3. *Wood S.*
Florets of the ray conspicuous and spreading.
Root annual.
Achenes with short silky hairs . . . . . 4. *Squalid S.*
Achenes quite glabrous . . . . . 5. *Water S.*
Rootstock perennial.
Branches spreading. Corymb loose and irregular. Achenes all glabrous . . . . . 5. *Water S.*
Stem tall and erect. Corymb rather dense, and terminal.
Achenes of the disk hairy.
Leaves irregularly pinnate, with a broad terminal lobe.
Achenes of the ray glabrous. Rootstock not creeping 6. *Ragwort S.*
Leaves pinnate; the lobes all narrow. Achenes all hairy.
Rootstock shortly creeping . . . . . 7. *Narrow-leaved S.*
Leaves undivided, entire or toothed.
Involucres with small, fine outer bracts at the base. Leaves acutely toothed.
Leaves cottony underneath. Ray of 12 to 20 florets . . . 8. *Fen S.*
Leaves glabrous. Ray of 5 to 8 florets . . . . . 9. *Broad-leaved S.*
Involucres of a single row of bracts, without small outer ones.
Leaves entire or obtusely toothed.
Annual or biennial. Leaves downy. Achenes glabrous, strongly ribbed . . . . . 10. *Marsh S.*
Rootstock perennial. Leaves loosely cottony underneath.
Achenes cottony; the ribs scarcely prominent . . . . 11. *Field S.*

Several exotic species are much cultivated for ornament, especially the double-flowering *S. elegans* from the Cape, the *S. Cineraria* from the shores of the Mediterranean, and the numerous varieties of one or two Canary Island species, known to our gardeners as greenhouse *Cinerarias*.

1. Groundsel Senecio. **Senecio vulgaris**, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 747. *Groundsel.*)

An erect, branching annual, from 6 inches to near a foot high, glabrous or bearing a little loose, cottony wool. Leaves pinnatifid, with ovate, toothed or jagged lobes. Flower-heads in close terminal corymbs or clusters. Involucres cylindrical, of about 20 equal bracts, with several outer smaller ones. Florets almost always all tubular, without any ray whatever. Achenes slightly hairy.

A very common weed of cultivation throughout Europe and Russian Asia, but not extending into the tropics, and less disposed than many others to migrate with man. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. all the year round.*

2. Viscous Senecio. **Senecio viscosus**, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 32, *the ray rather too large*, and *S. lividus*, Eng. Bot. t. 2515?)

A coarser, harder, and taller annual than the *Groundsel S.* and covered all over with a short, viscous, strong-smelling down, the leaves more deeply divided, with narrower, more jagged lobes, the flower-heads rather thicker, with more florets, and on longer peduncles, forming a loose, terminal corymb. Outer scales of the involucre usually but 2 or 3, and nearly half as long as the inner ones, of which there are about 20. Outer florets ligulate, but small, and rolled back so as at first sight to escape observation. Achenes glabrous.

In waste places, over a great part of Europe, but not common, and does not extend so far eastward or northward as the *Groundsel S.* Scattered over various parts of England and southern Scotland, but very local, and seldom abundant. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

3. Wood Senecio. **Senecio sylvaticus**, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 748.)

An annual, with the foliage much like that of the *Groundsel S.*, but a taller and weaker plant, sometimes near 2 feet long, slightly downy, or nearly glabrous, not so viscid nor so strong-smelling as the *viscous S.* Flower-heads rather numerous, in a loose corymb, the involucres cylindrical, of from 12 to 15 equal bracts, with the outer ones very minute or wanting. Outer florets ligulate, but small and rolled back as in the *viscous S.* Achenes covered with minute, appressed hairs.

On banks, waste places, and borders of woods, in temperate and southern Europe, from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean. Found occasionally in most parts of Britain, but not generally common. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

4. Squalid Senecio. **Senecio squalidus**, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 600.)

An annual or biennial, or even sometimes forming a stock of two or three years' duration, with the stature of the *Groundsel S.*, but quite glabrous. Leaves pinnatifid, with narrow, deeply cut, or jagged lobes. Flower-heads rather large, in a loose corymb, with a bright-yellow, spreading ray, as conspicuous as in the *Ragwort S.* Achenes silky-hairy.

A south European species, said to be quite established on walls at Oxford, and in a few other localities in southern England, but evidently not indigenous. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

5. **Water Senecio. Senecio aquaticus,** Huds.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1131.)

Not always easy to distinguish from the *Ragwort S.*, especially from occasional autumnal offsets of the latter, when the main stem has been accidentally destroyed. The foliage is nearly the same, but the plant appears to be of shorter duration, the stem not so tall, seldom attaining 2 feet, more branched and spreading, the flower-heads larger, fewer, on longer peduncles, forming a loose, irregular, spreading corymb, and especially the achenes appear to be always quite glabrous.

In wet places, along ditches, etc., spread almost all over Europe, extending northward to southern Scandinavia. Common in Britain. *Fl. summer.*

6. **Ragwort Senecio. Senecio Jacobæa,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1130, *not good.*)

Rootstock short and thick, without creeping shoots. Stems 2 to 4 feet high, erect, scarcely branched except at the top. Leaves pinnate, with ovate, obovate, or narrow segments, coarsely toothed or pinnatifid, the terminal ones large and confluent, the lower ones smaller and distinct, all glabrous, or with a loose, woolly down, especially on the under side. Flower-heads rather large, of a bright yellow, in a handsome, compact terminal corymb. Involucral bracts tipped with black, the outer ones few, and very small. Florets of the ray from 12 to 15, linear-oblong and spreading. Achenes of the disk covered with short hairs, those of the ray glabrous.

On roadsides, in waste places, and bushy pastures, all over Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Very common in Britain. *Fl. summer, lasting till late.* When eaten down, or checked in its growth, it will often assume the spreading inflorescence of the *water S.*, when it can only be distinguished by inspection of the achenes.

7. **Narrow-leaved Senecio. Senecio erucæfolius,** Linn.
(*S. tenuifolius*, Eng. Bot. 574.)

Very near the *Ragwort S.*, but appears everywhere distinct. It is fully as tall, and has the same inflorescence and flower-heads, but the rootstock is shortly creeping, the leaves are much more regularly divided into narrower segments, the terminal ones not very different from the others, and the achenes of the ray as hairy as those of the disk. The whole plant is generally more or less covered with a loose, cottony down.

The geographical area and stations are about the same as those of the *Ragwort S.* It is rather more common in central and southern Europe, but rather less so in Britain, and in the north generally. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

8. **Fen Senecio. Senecio paludosus,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 650.)

Stem erect, 2 to 5 or 6 feet high, scarcely branched. Leaves numerous, narrow-lanceolate, sharply toothed, more or less cottony on the under side. Flower-heads rather large, not very numerous, in a loose terminal corymb. Involucres almost hemispherical, the outer bracts few, short, and subulate. Florets of the ray from 12 to 16, yellow, linear and spreading.

In swamps and fens, in temperate Europe, extending northward to southern Sweden, but usually very local. In Britain, restricted to the fenland tracts in the eastern counties of England. *Fl. summer.*

9. **Broad-leaved Senecio. Senecio saracenicus,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 2211.)

An erect perennial, nearly allied to the *fen S.*, but glabrous or nearly so, and not usually so tall. Leaves broadly or narrowly lanceolate, and more regularly toothed. Flower-heads much more numerous, and smaller than in the *fen S.*, in a compact corymb. Involucres cylindrical or ovoid, with seldom more than 6 or 7 florets to the ray.

In woods and shady places, almost all over the continent of Europe, extending in Russian Asia to the Arctic regions, although not found in Scandinavia. Very local in Britain, and chiefly in moist meadows and pastures in various parts of England, possibly escaped from gardens where it has been sometimes cultivated. In Ireland, in woods near Bantry. *Fl. summer.*

10. **Marsh Senecio. Senecio palustris,** DC.
(*Cineraria*, Eng. Bot. t. 151.)

An erect and nearly simple annual or biennial, often covered with a loose, grey down, not cottony as in the *field S.* Stem hollow, 1 to 2 feet high. Leaves lanceolate, sinuate and coarsely toothed or nearly entire. Flower-heads in a dense terminal corymb, approaching to an umbel. Involucral bracts all equal, without any small outer ones. Florets of the ray about 20, yellow. Achenes glabrous, strongly ribbed, with a copious, silky pappus more than twice as long as the involucre.

In wet, muddy places, in northern Europe and Asia, from the Arctic regions to Picardy, the Netherlands, and central Germany. Rare in Britain, and apparently confined to the eastern counties of England. *Fl. summer.*

11. **Field Senecio. Senecio campestris,** DC.
(*Cineraria integrifolia*, Eng. Bot. t. 152.)

Rootstock short and thick, or slightly creeping. Stem erect, simple, from a few inches to 1 or 2 feet high. Radical leaves stalked, oblong or ovate, those of the stem longer and narrower, upper ones few and distant, all entire or toothed, with a loose, cottony wool on the under side, as also on the stems, especially in open, dry situations. Flower-heads like those of the *marsh S.*, but only few together, in a small terminal corymb or rather umbel, the peduncles starting from nearly the same point. Achenes downy, with scarcely prominent ribs, and a shorter pappus than in the *marsh S.*

In meadows and pastures, in most of the mountain-ranges of Europe and Russian Asia to the Arctic regions. In Britain, limited to a few stations on the chalky downs of the central and southern counties of England, and to the maritime rocks near Holyhead. *Fl. summer.*

XVIII. **DORONIC.** DORONICUM.

Herbs, with perennial, often creeping stocks, long-stalked, broad radical leaves, and erect flower-stems, bearing a few undivided, alternate leaves, and one, or but few, rather large, yellow, radiating flower-heads. Involucres hemispherical, with linear bracts of equal length. Achenes and florets of *Senecio*, except that the achenes of the ray have no pappus.

A small genus, extending over central and southern Europe and western Asia, but chiefly restricted to mountain districts.

Radical leaves deeply cordate. Stems usually with 3 to 5 flower-heads 1. *Great D.*
Radical leaves narrowed or rounded at the base. Stems usually with 1 flower-head . . . . . 2. *Plantain D.*

1. Great Doronic. Doronicum Pardalianches, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2654. *Leopard's-bane.*)

Rootstock more or less creeping, often woolly at the crown. Radical leaves broadly ovate and deeply cordate at the base. Stems about 2 feet high, with but few leaves, mostly ovate; the lower ones stalked, but embracing the stem by a broadly dilated base; the upper ones small, sessile or embracing the stem. Flower-heads generally 3 to 5, on long, leafless peduncles; the yellow rays numerous, and narrow.

In woods, and mountain pastures, in central Europe, frequently cultivated in cottage gardens, and readily spreads in their vicinity. In Britain, only as an outcast from gardens, but apparently well established in several parts of England and southern Scotland. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

2. Plantain Doronic. Doronicum plantagineum, Linn.

Differs from the *great D.* chiefly in the radical leaves, which are never cordate, usually narrowed or wedge-shaped at the base, and rather strongly marked with 3 or 5 ribs; the stem-leaves narrower than in the *great D.*; and the flower-head solitary on a long terminal peduncle, or very rarely, when very luxuriant, the stem bears 2 or 3 heads.

In open, sandy woods, in central and southern Europe, from the Atlantic to the eastern frontier, extending in France considerably to the northward of Paris. In Britain, like the last species, only as an escape from cultivation. *Fl. spring and early summer.* Both the species vary, either glabrous or hairy, and with their leaves entire or irregularly toothed.

XIX. BIDENS. BIDENS.

Glabrous herbs, with opposite leaves, and hemispherical heads of yellow flowers. Involucres of 2 or 3 rows of bracts, the outer ones often longer and leafy. Florets either all tubular, or the outer ones ligulate and radiating. Receptacle with chaffy scales between the florets. Achenes flattened, crowned by 2 or 3 (very rarely 4 or 5) short, stiff bristles or awns, which are rough with minute deflexed prickles.

A genus not very numerous in species, but diffused over the whole surface of the globe, some species being among the commonest tropical weeds, whilst others extend into the Arctic Circle.

Leaves undivided . . . . . 1. *Nodding B.*
Leaves deeply cut into 3 or 5 segments . . . . . 2. *Three-cleft B.*

1. Nodding Bidens. Bidens cernua, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1114. *Bur-Marigold.*)

A rather stout, erect annual, 1 to 2 feet high, with spreading branches. Leaves lanceolate and serrate, but not divided. Flower-heads drooping, on terminal peduncles from ½ an inch to an inch diameter; the florets usually all tubular, but occasionally a few of the outer ones become ligulate. Inner bracts of the involucre broad, and often shining, and yellow on their

edges ; outer ones more leafy, and often much longer, and spreading. Awns of the achenes usually 2 or 3, very rarely 4.

In wet ditches and marshes, throughout the temperate and northern regions of Europe, Asia, and America. Common in England and southern Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

2. **Three-cleft Bidens. Bidens tripartita,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1113.)

Only differs from the *nodding B.* in the leaves, which are deeply cut into 3 or 5 lanceolate segments, and in the flower-heads rather less drooping.

Its geographical range and stations are the same as those of the *drooping B.*, but it appears to be rather less common in Britain. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

XX. **BURWEED.** XANTHIUM.

Coarse annuals, with alternate leaves, and unisexual, axillary or terminal heads of green flowers. Involucre of the males of several bracts in a single row, enclosing many tubular florets, separated by the scales of the receptacle. Anthers free. Female florets 2 together, combined with the involucre into an ovoid or oblong, prickly burr, terminating in 2 beaks, from which the stigmas shortly protrude.

A genus of two or perhaps three species, from the Mediterranean region to the Levant, but spread as weeds of cultivation over a great part of the globe. Its immediate connection with the remainder of *Composites* can only be traced through several exotic genera forming the small tribe of *Ambrosieæ*, the general habit and unisexual flowers showing at first sight some analogy to the *Nettle* family, and some other *Monochlamyds.*

1. **Broad Burweed. Xanthium Strumarium,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2544.)

A coarse, erect annual, 1 to 2 feet high. Leaves on long stalks, rather large, broadly heart-shaped, coarsely toothed or angular, rough on both sides. Flower-heads in axillary or terminal clusters, on short racemes ; the upper ones male ; the lower female heads forming, when in fruit, ovoid burrs, about 6 to 8 lines long, covered with hooked prickles ; the stout, short, conical beaks, erect or turned inwards.

In cultivated and waste places, throughout central and southern Europe and central Asia, extending, as a weed of cultivation, northwards to the Baltic, as well as into many other parts of the globe. Has been occasionally found in some of the southern counties of England and Ireland, but is not a truly British plant. *Fl. summer.*

XXI. **BURDOCK.** ARCTIUM.

A single species, distinguished as a genus from *Thistles* by the foliage, by the bracts of the involucre ending in a long, stiff point hooked at the extremity, and by the short, stiff pappus.

1. **Common Burdock. Arctium Lappa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1228. *A. Bardana*, Eng. Bot. t. 2478.)

A stout, branching, erect biennial, 3 to 5 feet high, the lower heart-

shaped leaves very large, sometimes attaining 1½ feet in length by a foot in breadth; the upper ones much smaller, and broadly ovate; all green, and nearly glabrous above, often covered with a short, white, cottony down underneath, bordered by minute teeth, but not prickly. Flower-heads in terminal panicles. Involucres nearly globular, glabrous or covered with a loose, white, cottony wool, catching at anything they come in contact with by the hooked points of their numerous bracts. Florets purple, all equal. Anthers with hair-like appendages at their base. Achenes large, with a short pappus of stiff hairs.

In waste places, on roadsides, etc., over all Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, and naturalized in other parts of the globe. Common in Britain. *Fl. summer.* It varies much in the size of the flower-heads (from ¾ to 1½ inches diameter), in the breadth of the involucral bracts, in the abundance or deficiency of the cottony wool, in the length of the peduncles; and botanists have attempted to establish as many as five species,* but no certain limits can be ascribed even to the three more generally recognized varieties, the *large-headed,* the *small-headed,* and the *cottony Burdocks.*

XXII. **SAWWORT.** SERRATULA.

Herbs, not prickly, but with the general habit and style of the *Thistle-heads.* Involucres ovoid or oblong, the bracts imbricated and pointed, but not prickly. Receptacle with chaffy bristles between the florets. Pappus of numerous simple unequal hairs, longer than the achenes. Anthers without appendages.

Although much reduced by the modern splitting of genera, *Sawwort* still includes several south European and Asiatic species.

1. **Common Sawwort. Serratula tinctoria,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 38.)

A stiff, erect, scarcely branched, and nearly glabrous perennial, 1 to 3 feet high; the lower leaves more or less pinnate, with lanceolate, pointed, and finely toothed segments, the terminal one the largest; the upper leaves toothed only, or with a few lobes at their base. Flower-heads in a terminal corymb, partially dicœcious, the male heads rather stouter than the females. Involucres 7 or 8 lines long, with numerous appressed bracts, the inner ones often coloured at the tips. Florets purple.

In open woods, thickets, and bushy pastures, common throughout temperate Europe, and extending far into Scandinavia, but not indicated in Asiatic Floras. Spread over nearly the whole of England, but scarcely penetrates into Scotland, and not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. late in summer.*

XXIII. **SAUSSUREA.** SAUSSUREA.

Herbs, with the habit and characters of *Sawwort,* except that the hairs of the pappus, or at least the inner ones, are very feathery, and the anthers have at their lower end hair-like appendages or *tails.*

The species are chiefly numerous in central and Russian Asia. There are but few in Europe, confined to mountain regions or high northern latitudes.

* See Babington's 'Manual,' ed. 4, pp. 184 and 185.

1. **Alpine Saussurea. Saussurea alpina,** DC.
(*Serratula*, Eng. Bot. t. 599.)

Stem erect and simple, seldom a foot high, covered, as well as the involucres and under side of the leaves, with a loose cotton, which wears off with age. Leaves from ovate to lanceolate, entire or toothed, 2 to 3 inches long. Flower-heads ovoid or oblong, nearly sessile, in a small, dense terminal corymb, with purple florets. The soft, feathery pappus projects beyond the involucres, the inner bracts of which are softly hairy.

In high northern latitudes, or at considerable elevations in the mountain-ranges of Europe, Russian Asia, and Arctic America. Frequent in the Highlands of Scotland, and found also in North Wales and the Lake district of northern England.

XXIV. **THISTLE.** CARDUUS.

Herbs, with hard stems. Leaves often cut, and usually very prickly. Involucres globular or ovoid, the bracts numerous, closely imbricated, and usually prickly. Receptacle thick, bearing bristles between the florets. Florets all equal and tubular. Achenes glabrous, with a pappus of numerous simple or feathery hairs longer than the achene itself.

The largest and widest-spread genus among *Thistle-heads*, for although the species are chiefly European and Asiatic, yet there are also several from North America, and the common ones accommodate themselves readily even to a tropical climate. They are usually divided into two genera, the *plume Thistles* (*Cirsium* or *Cnicus*) with a feathery pappus, and the *true Thistles* with a simple-haired pappus, but the distinction is so purely artificial that several botanists now revert to the old natural limits indicated by Linnæus.

Pappus consisting of simple hairs (True Thistles).
- Bracts of the large involucre very broad at the base, with lateral as well as terminal prickles . . . . . 1. *Milk T.*
- Bracts of the involucre lanceolate or linear, without lateral prickles.
  - Involucres globular, large.
    - Involucral bracts broadly lanceolate . . . . . 2. *Musk T.*
    - Involucral bracts linear . . . . . 3. *Welted T.*
  - Involucres ovoid or cylindrical . . . . . 4. *Slender T.*

Pappus consisting of feathery hairs (Plume Thistles).
- *Leaves decurrent along the stem, forming prickly wings.*
  - Flower-heads all peduncled.
    - Flower-heads few, near 1½ inches long. Stem winged and prickly. Root biennial . . . . . 5. *Spear T.*
    - Flower-heads not an inch long, in terminal corymbs. Leaves but little decurrent. Rootstock creeping . . . . . 7. *Creeping T.*
  - Flower-heads small, in dense clusters. Stem winged and prickly 6. *Marsh T.*
- *Leaves not decurrent, or only very shortly so.*
  - Flower-heads sessile or on very short peduncles.
    - Stems stout and branched (about 2 feet). Involucres large and cottony . . . . . 8. *Woolly T.*
    - Stems dwarf, or scarcely any. Involucres not cottony . . . 12. *Dwarf T.*
  - Flower-heads all peduncled. Rootstock perennial, often creeping.
    - Flower-heads in terminal corymbs . . . . . 7. *Creeping T.*
    - Flower-heads growing singly on long peduncles.
      - Leaves ciliate, not prickly, very white underneath . . . . 9. *Melancholy T.*
      - Leaves prickly, green, or with a loose white cotton underneath.
        - Leaves deeply pinnatifid and lobed. Flower-heads usually 2 to 4 . . . . . 10. *Tuberous T.*
        - Leaves toothed, sinuate, or shortly lobed. Flower-heads usually solitary or 2 only . . . . . 11. *Meadow T.*

Very anomalous specimens occur occasionally, especially among the *Plume Thistles*, which are generally believed to be natural hybrids.

1. **Milk Thistle. Carduus Marianus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 976. *Silybum*, Bab. Man.)

An annual or biennial, 2 to 3 feet high, not much branched, and glabrous or with but very little cottony wool. Leaves smooth and shining above, and variegated by white veins; the lower ones deeply pinnatifid with broad very prickly lobes; the upper ones clasping the stem by prickly auricles but scarcely decurrent. Flower-heads large, drooping, solitary at the ends of the branches, with purple florets. Bracts of the involucre very broad at the base, with a stiff, spreading, leafy appendage, ending in a long prickle, and bordered with prickles at its base. Hairs of the pappus simple.

In waste places, in southern Europe to the Caucasus; not indigenous in central Europe, although it occurs here and there as a weed of cultivation. Rare and probably only introduced into Britain. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Musk Thistle. Carduus nutans,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1112.)

A stout species, 2 to 3 feet high, usually slightly covered with loose cottony hairs. Leaves deeply pinnatifid, very prickly, their edges decurrent along the stem, forming narrow very prickly wings. Flower-heads large and drooping, as in the *milk T.*, but often 3 or 4 in a loose corymb. Involucral bracts numerous, with a stiff, narrow-lanceolate appendage, ending in a spreading or reflexed prickle, but without lateral prickles. Hairs of the pappus simple.

In waste places, common in the greater part of Europe and temperate Asia, but not spreading to the extreme north. Pretty frequent in southern England, especially on limestone soils, less so in the north, and rare in Scotland. Occurs also in Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Welted Thistle. Carduus acanthoides,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 973.)

Much resembles the *musk T.*, but is usually taller and rather more branched; the leaves narrower and more prickly; and the stem more thickly covered with prickly appendages, decurrent from the base of the leaves. Flower-heads not so large, though yet globular and slightly drooping; the involucral bracts very numerous and narrow, ending in a linear, spreading or recurved prickle, the innermost often of a thinner texture, slightly coloured and scarcely prickly. Hairs of the pappus simple.

A very common Continental *Thistle*, extending eastward entirely across Asia, and northward to the Arctic Circle, although in Britain, like many others, it becomes scarce in Scotland. *Fl. summer.* Two forms are often distinguished as species, the *C. acanthoides*, with the flower-heads single, on long peduncles, and the leaves often nearly glabrous, and *C. crispus*, with the heads clustered several together on short stalks, and the leaves usually rather broader and more cottony underneath; but they run too much one into the other to be separable even as permanent varieties.

4. **Slender Thistle. Carduus pycnocephalus,** Jacq.

(*C. tenuiflorus*, Eng. Bot. t. 412.)

A stiff annual or biennial, from 1 to 3 or 4 feet high, but not so stout as the three last, and much more covered, especially the stems and the under

side of the leaves, with a white loose cotton. Leaves pinnatifid, with short, wavy, very prickly lobes, and decurrent along the stem, forming waved prickly wings as in the *welted T.* Flower-heads rather numerous, but small and ovoid or oblong, generally in clusters at the top of the stem and branches. Involucral bracts rather broad at the base, ending in a narrow, straight or slightly spreading prickle. Florets pink or whitish. Hairs of the pappus simple.

In waste places and cultivated ground, in western and southern Europe and central Asia, extending northward to Denmark, but scarcely eastward of the Rhine in central Europe. Not unfrequent in England and Ireland, especially near the sea, and occurs also in the lowlands of Scotland. *Fl. all summer.*

5. **Spear Thistle. Carduus lanceolatus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 107. *Cnicus*, Brit. Fl.)

A rather stout biennial, 3 or 4 feet high; the stem winged and prickly. Leaves waved and pinnatifid, with short but narrow lobes, the terminal longer and lanceolate, all ending in a stiff prickle, rough on the upper side with short almost prickly hairs, white and cottony underneath. Flower-heads few, ovoid, near an inch and a half long when in flower. Involucral bracts lanceolate, cottony, ending in a stiff, spreading prickle. Florets purple. Hairs of the pappus feathery.

In fields, pastures, and waste places, very common throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, and spread with cultivation into other parts of the world. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. all summer.*

6. **Marsh Thistle. Carduus palustris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 974. *Cnicus*, Brit. Fl.)

A stiff annual or biennial, 4 or 5 feet high, and scarcely branched; the stems quite covered with the prickly decurrent margins of the leaves as in the *welted T.* Leaves narrow, the lower ones 6 or 8 inches long, pinnatifid with numerous ovate, wavy, prickly lobes, with a few rough hairs scattered on both surfaces; the upper leaves small and very narrow. Flower-heads rather numerous, small and ovoid, usually collected in clusters, forming an irregular terminal corymb. Involucral bracts numerous, with very small somewhat prickly points, the inner ones often coloured. Florets purple. Hairs of the pappus feathery.

In wet fields, and meadows, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, penetrating into the Arctic regions. Frequent in Britain. *Fl. summer.*

7. **Creeping Thistle. Carduus arvensis,** Curt.

(Eng. Bot. t. 975, *male individual.* *Cnicus*, Brit. Fl.)

Rootstock perennial and creeping, with erect annual stems 3 or 4 feet high. Leaves narrow, pinnatifid, and very prickly, either embracing the stem with prickly auricles or shortly decurrent. Flower-heads not large, forming rather loose terminal corymbs, and always dicœcious; the males nearly globular, with very projecting purple florets; the females with much longer involucres but shorter florets, the copious feathery pappus of the achenes projecting considerably as the fruit ripens: in both, the involucral bracts are numerous, appressed, with very small prickly points.

In cultivated and waste places, the commonest of European and Asiatic *Thistles*, accompanying cultivation to all parts of the world; extending far to the north, though perhaps not quite to the Arctic Circle. Abundant in

Britain. *Fl. summer.* A curious variety, with the leaves almost entire, not decurrent, and scarcely prickly (*C. setosus*), not uncommon in south-eastern Europe and western Asia, has been found in the county of Fife, in Scotland.

8. **Woolly Thistle. Carduus eriophorus,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 386. *Cnicus*, Brit. Fl.)

The stoutest of all our indigenous *Thistles*, and much branched, but not so tall as some others. Leaves not decurrent, green and hairy above, white and cottony underneath, deeply pinnate, with narrow lobes ending in very sharp stout prickles. Flower-heads large and globular, clustered 2 or 3 together at the summits of the branches. Involucres covered with a cottony wool, the numerous bracts ending in a narrow prickly point.

In waste places, in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, but not extending into northern Germany. In Britain, probably confined to the limestone districts of southern England. *Fl. summer.*

9. **Melancholy Thistle. Carduus heterophyllus,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 675. *Cnicus*, Brit. Fl.)

This species is not prickly like other *Thistles*, but resembles them in other respects. Rootstock perennial and creeping, the stems tall, stout, deeply furrowed, with a little loose cottony wool. Leaves clasping the stem, with scarcely decurrent auricles, lanceolate, glabrous and green above, very white and cottony underneath, bordered with very small, bristly but scarcely prickly teeth, and sometimes slightly lobed. Flower-heads about the size of those of the *spear T.*, growing singly on long peduncles. Involucral bracts glabrous, lanceolate, obtuse, or with a very minute not prickly point.

In mountain pastures, in northern Europe and Asia, and in the great central ranges of both continents. Frequent in Scotland, extending into northern England, and North Wales. *Fl. summer.*

10. **Tuberous Thistle. Carduus tuberosus,** Linn.
(*Cnicus*, Eng. Bot. t. 2562.)

Rootstock woody, usually shortly creeping, emitting occasionally a few thick, almost woody, tuberous roots, and erect or ascending stems, but little divided, or sometimes simple, about 2 feet high. Radical leaves pinnatifid, the lobes waved and prickly, slightly hairy above, with more or less of a loose cottony wool underneath; the stem-leaves few, less divided, sessile or sometimes very shortly decurrent. Flower-heads not very large, ovoid, growing singly on long terminal peduncles. Involucral bracts lanceolate, not prickly, with more or less of cottony wool.

In moist, rich meadows, and marshy, open woods, in western and south-central Europe, extending eastwards to Transylvania. In Britain, only in Wiltshire, near Heytesbury. *Fl. summer.*

11. **Meadow Thistle. Carduus pratensis,** Huds.
(Eng. Bot. t. 177. *Cnicus*, Brit. Fl.)

Probably a mere variety of the *tuberous T.* The roots are less tuberous. Stems 1 to 2 feet high, usually simple, with a single ovoid flower-head, or occasionally divided into 2 or 3 long one-headed branches. Leaves more cottony than in the *tuberous T.* and much less divided, the radical ones usually sinuate or shortly pinnatifid, the stem-leaves lanceolate, bordered only with short, slightly prickly teeth.

In low, wet pastures, boggy meadows, and marshy thickets, chiefly in western Europe. Abundant in some of the southern counties of England and Ireland, more rare in the north. *Fl. summer.* Luxuriant specimens, with more divided leaves, sometimes slightly decurrent, have been considered as a species under the name of *C. Forsteri,* or as hybrids between this and the *marsh T.* Another luxuriant variety occurs occasionally, approaching the *tuberous T.* in foliage, but with 2 or 3 flower-heads rather close together, not on long separate peduncles.

12. **Dwarf Thistle. Carduus acaulis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 161. *Cnicus,* Brit. Fl.)

In the common state this is at once distinguished by the almost total want of stem. A thick, woody, perennial stock bears a spreading tuft of very prickly pinnatifid and glabrous leaves, in the midst of which are a few rather large sessile flower-heads. Involucres ovoid, not cottony, with numerous lanceolate, obtuse or scarcely pointed bracts. Florets purple. Occasionally, but rarely, the stem will grow up to the height of 2 or 3 inches.

In dry pastures, in temperate Europe and Russian Asia, extending northward to southern Scandinavia. In Britain, only in the southern and some central counties of England. *Fl. summer, rather late.* In some situations, on the Continent, the stem will grow out to 6 or 8 inches, but this variety is very rare in England.

XXV. **ONOPORD.** ONOPORDON.

Large-headed, stout, prickly herbs, only differing from *Thistle* in the receptacle, which, instead of bearing long chaffy bristles between the florets, is honeycombed into a number of little cavities, the jagged edges of which are shorter than the achenes.

There are but few species, natives of the Mediterranean and Caucasian regions, one only of which extends into central Europe.

1. **Common Onopord. Onopordon Acanthium,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. 977. *Scotch* or *Cotton Thistle.*)

A stout, branched biennial, attaining sometimes 6 feet or even more, covered with a loose cottony wool. Leaves coarsely toothed or pinnatifid, waved and very prickly, their broadly-decurrent margins forming prickly wings all down the stem. Flower-heads large, globular, erect, and solitary on the branches of a large irregular panicle. Involucral bracts numerous, ending in a long, lanceolate, spreading prickle. Hairs of the pappus rather longer than the achenes, not feathery, but strongly toothed when seen under a magnifying glass.

A native of the Mediterranean region and west-central Asia, not uncommon also in central Europe and all across Russian Asia, but spreads readily with cultivation, and it is difficult to say how far north it is indigenous. Now found in several parts of England, but certainly not wild in Scotland, although generally selected to represent the Scotch heraldic Thistle. *Fl. end of summer.*

XXVI. **CARLINE.** CARLINA.

Low, very prickly herbs. Outer bracts of the involucre very prickly,

inner ones coloured or shining, long, and spreading like the rays of a star. Receptacle bearing irregularly cut, chaffy scales between the florets. Achenes silky-hairy, with a feathery pappus.

A small European and Asiatic genus, easily distinguished by the involucral bracts.

1. **Common Carline. Carlina vulgaris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1144.)

An erect biennial, seldom above 6 or 8 inches high. Leaves not decurrent, toothed or pinnatifid, and very prickly; the lower ones narrow, slightly covered with loose cottony wool; the upper ones broader and nearly glabrous. Flower-heads hemispherical, about an inch in diameter, usually 3 or 4 in a small terminal corymb. Outer involucral bracts broadly lanceolate, bordered with very prickly teeth or lobes; inner ones linear, entire, with very smooth and shining, horizontally-spreading tips.

In dry, hilly pastures and fields, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Rather common in England, extending into a few Scottish counties. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

XXVII. **CENTAUREA.** CENTAUREA.

Herbs, with entire or pinnatifid leaves, seldom prickly, and purple, blue, or sometimes yellow flowers. Involucres globular or ovoid, the bracts numerous, ending either in a prickle or in a fringed or toothed appendage. Outer row of florets usually larger than the others, and neuter. Receptacle bearing bristles between the florets. Achenes glabrous, with a short pappus of simple hairs or scales, sometimes very short, or rarely quite wanting.

One of the most numerous genera of *Thistleheads* in the Mediterranean and Caucasian regions, with a very few American species. The enlarged outer florets, the most prominent character of the genus, are seldom deficient, and that chiefly in a common variety of our own *black Centaurea*. In that case the fringed involucral bracts as readily indicate the genus.

Involucres not prickly, or with very small prickly points to the bracts.
- Involucral bracts with a broad, black, or brown fringed border or appendage.
  - Leaves mostly entire or toothed. Appendages almost concealing the bracts themselves . . . . . 1. *Black C.*
  - Leaves deeply pinnatifid. Involucral bracts showing their green centres with a black fringed border . . . . . 2. *Greater C.*
- Involucral bracts ending in, or bordered by, minute teeth or prickles.
  - Outer florets bright blue. An erect cornfield annual . . . . 3. *Corn C.*
  - Florets purple. A spreading Jersey perennial . . . . . 4. *Jersey C.*

Involucral bracts ending in a long, stout prickle.
- Florets purple . . . . . 5. *Starthistle C.*
- Florets yellow . . . . . 6. *Yellow C.*

The *C. montana*, from central and southern Europe, and a few others, are occasionally cultivated in our gardens.

1. **Black Centaurea. Centaurea nigra,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 278; *C. nigrescens*, Brit. Fl. *Knapweed* or *Hardheads*.)

A perennial, with erect stems, hard and branched, 1 to 2 feet high. Leaves from linear to lanceolate or oblong; the upper ones entire or nearly so,

clasping the stem at their base; the lower with a few coarse teeth or short lobes; all green, and rather rough with a few minute hairs, or slightly cottony underneath when young. Involucres globular, on terminal peduncles; the bracts closely imbricate, so as only to show their appendages, which are brown or black, and deeply fringed, except on the innermost bracts, where they are shining and usually jagged. Florets purple, either all equal or the outer row much larger and neuter as in the rest of the genus. Achenes slightly hairy, often apparently without any pappus, but really crowned by a ring of very minute, scaly bristles, occasionally intermixed with a few longer, very deciduous ones.

In meadows and pastures, throughout Europe and western Asia, except the extreme north, extending probably all across Russian Asia. Very abundant in Britain. *Fl. all summer.* The two forms, with or without the outer row of large florets, are so different in appearance that it has often been attempted to distinguish them as species, but it has been now proved that they are mere varieties, and it is even believed by some that the same plant will appear in some years with and in others without the ray. The *C. Jacea* (Eng. Bot. t. 1678) is a variety, occurring occasionally in England, more frequently in some parts of the Continent, with the appendages of the involucral scales of a much paler colour, with a much shorter fringe, or only jagged. This form passes, however, gradually into the common one.

2. Greater Centaurea. *Centaurea scabiosa*, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 56.)

A stouter plant than the *black C.*, more branched at the base; the leaves deeply pinnatifid, with linear or lanceolate lobes, often coarsely toothed or lobed. Flower-heads large, with purple florets, the outer ones always enlarged and neuter. Involucral bracts broad, bordered only with a black appressed fringe, leaving the green centre exposed. Pappus of stiff hairs or bristles nearly as long as the achene.

In pastures, waste places, roadsides, etc., throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Rather frequent in England, less so in Scotland, and scarcely indigenous beyond south-eastern Perth and Forfar. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

3. Corn Centaurea. *Centaurea Cyanus*, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 277. *Bluebottle* or *Cornflower.*)

An erect, branching annual, about 2 feet high, covered with a loose cottony down. Lower leaves usually toothed or pinnatifid; upper ones, or sometimes nearly all, linear and entire. Involucres solitary, on long terminal peduncles, ovoid; the bracts appressed, often ending in a minute prickle, and bordered by a fringe of very small teeth. Central florets of a bluish purple; outer ones much larger, of a bright blue. Pappus about the length of the achene.

Apparently of south European or west Asiatic origin, but now spread as a cornfield weed over a great part of Europe and Asia. Not uncommon in British cornfields, and formerly much cultivated in flower-gardens, where it will sport much as to colour. *Fl. all summer.*

4. Jersey Centaurea. *Centaurea aspera*, Linn.

(*C. Isnardi*, Eng. Bot. t. 2256.)

A biennial or perennial, much branched, very spreading or prostrate, with

hard but not thick branches, glabrous, or rough with minute hairs. Leaves narrow; the lower ones pinnatifid, the upper ones entire. Flower-heads solitary at the ends of the branches, with one or two leaves close under them. Involucres about the size of those of the *corn C.*, with appressed glabrous bracts, not fringed, but most or all of them ending in a palmate appendage of 5 minute prickles or points.

In waste lands, not far from the sea; very common on the Mediterranean, and extending up the west coast of Europe to the Channel Islands. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

5. **Star-thistle Centaurea. Centaurea Calcitrapa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 125.)

A coarse, green annual, sometimes slightly covered with cottony down, seldom rising to a foot in height, but with very spreading or prostrate branches. Leaves pinnatifid, with a few long linear or lanceolate lobes. Flower-heads sessile among the upper leaves or in the forks of the branches, not large in themselves, but the involucral bracts end in stiff spreading spines, ½ to 1 inch long, with 1 or 2 smaller prickles at their base. Florets purple. Achenes without any pappus.

In waste places, and on roadsides, in central and especially southern Europe to the Caucasus, and most abundant near the sea. Found occasionally in some of the southern counties of England, but scarcely further northward. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

6. **Yellow Centaurea. Centaurea solstitialis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 243.)

A stiff, erect annual, 1 to 2 feet high, with few branches, and covered with a white cottony wool. Radical leaves pinnatifid, upper ones small and linear, decurrent in long, narrow wings along the stem. Flower-heads solitary at the ends of the branches, nearly globular; the innermost bracts ending in a small shining appendage; the intermediate ones in a long spreading prickle, with one or two small ones at its base; the outermost usually with only a few small, palmate prickles, as in the *Jersey C.* Florets of a bright yellow.

In waste and cultivated places, in southern Europe and western Asia, especially near the sea, and, as a weed of cultivation, widely spread over Europe, Asia, and other parts of the world. In Britain, it appears occasionally in cornfields, and sometimes in waste places near the sea. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

XXVIII. **SALSIFY.** TRAGOPOGON.

Biennials or perennials, with tap-roots, and long, narrow, grass-like, entire leaves, broader and sheathing at the base. Involucre of 8 to 12 bracts, nearly equal, and slightly united at the base. Achenes narrowed at the top into a long beak, bearing a pappus of feathery hairs.

A genus not very numerous in species, spread over Europe and temperate Asia, easily known among the British *Ligulates* by the foliage. In this respect it resembles *Scorzonera*, a numerous exotic genus, of which one species, the *S. hispanica*, is often cultivated in our gardens for the same purposes as the *Salsify*.

Flowers yellow . . . . . 1. *Meadow S.*
Flowers purple . . . . . 2. *Purple S.*

1. **Meadow Salsify. Tragopogon pratense,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 434. *T. minor*, Bab. Man. *Yellow Goat's-beard.*)

Stem erect, slightly branched, 1 to 2 feet high. Radical and lower leaves 5 to 8 inches long or even more, shortly dilated at the base, glabrous and slightly glaucous; upper leaves shorter, with the dilated base longer in proportion. Peduncles long, thickened at the summit, each with a single head of yellow flowers. Involucral bracts narrow-lanceolate, 1 to 1½ inches long. Florets sometimes not half so long, but varying from that to the full length of the involucre. Achenes long and striate, the slender beak as long as the achene itself, the hairs of the pappus long and very feathery.

In meadows and rich pastures, throughout Europe and western Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in Britain, extending far north into Scotland. *Fl. early summer.* It is often divided into two or more species, according to the relative length of the florets and involucres.

2. **Purple Salsify. Tragopogon porrifolium,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 638. *Salsify* or *Salsafy.*)

It is difficult to assign any positive character to distinguish this from the *meadow S.* beyond the colour of the florets, which is of a very deep violet-blue or purple. It is generally of more luxuriant growth, the peduncles more thickened at the top, the involucres longer in proportion to the florets, and the beak of the achenes and pappus longer.

In meadows and pastures, in the Mediterranean region, but only as an introduced plant in central and northern Europe, having been long cultivated for culinary purposes. In Britain, confined to southern England, where it appears to be well established in some localities. *Fl. early summer.*

XXIX. **HELMINTH.** HELMINTHIA.

Habit and pappus of *Picris*, from which it only differs in the involucre, of which the outer bracts are broadly cordate and leafy, and in the achenes narrowed at the top into a short beak.

1. **Oxtongue Helminth. Helminthia echioides,** Gærtn.
(*Picris*, Eng. Bot. t. 972.)

A coarse, erect annual or biennial, 1 to 2 or 3 feet high, rough with numerous short, stiff, almost prickly hairs, often hooked as in *Picris.* Leaves lanceolate, sinuate or coarsely toothed, very rough; the lower ones narrowed at the base; the upper ones clasping the stem or shortly decurrent. Flower-heads rather small, rather crowded, on short peduncles, forming an irregular terminal corymb. Outer broad bracts of the involucre 4 or 5, rough like the leaves; inner ones about 8, lanceolate, and much thinner. Achenes ending in a beak, with a dense, white, feathery pappus.

On hedge-banks, edges of fields, and waste places; common in central and especially southern Europe to the Caucasus, scarcely extending into northern Germany. Dispersed over England and Ireland, but does not reach Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

XXX. **PICRIS.** PICRIS.

Coarse, hispid herbs, with toothed leaves, and rather small heads of

yellow flowers, in a loose, irregular corymb. Involucre of several nearly equal, erect, inner bracts, with 2 or 3 outer rows of smaller ones, usually spreading. Achenes transversely striated, not beaked, with a whitish pappus, of which the inner hairs at least are feathery.

A genus containing but few species, natives of Europe and temperate Asia, having much the appearance of *Hawkweed* and *Crepis*, but readily distinguished by the feathery pappus.

1. **Hawkweed Picris.** **Picris hieracioides,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 196.)

A biennial, 1 to 2 or 3 feet high, covered with short, rough hairs, most of which are minutely hooked at the top, so as to cling to whatever they come in contact with. Leaves lanceolate, the lower ones tapering into a stalk, and often 6 inches or more long, the upper ones clasping the stem. Peduncles rather long and stiff. Involucres scarcely 6 lines long. Pappus of a dirty white, the hairs usually very feathery, except a few of the outer ones of each achene.

On roadsides, borders of fields, and waste places, in southern and central Europe, as far as southern Scandinavia, in temperate Russia and central Asia, and now spread as a weed of cultivation to many other parts of the world. Abundant in the greater part of England, but does not perhaps extend into Scotland, and has only been found in one place, at Portmarnock, in Ireland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

XXXI. **HAWKBIT.** LEONTODON.

Herbs, with a perennial stock, radical, spreading leaves, simple or slightly branched, usually leafless flower-stems, and yellow flowers. Involucres of several nearly equal, erect, inner bracts, and two or three rows of smaller outer ones. Receptacle without bracts between the florets. Achenes more or less tapering at the top into a short beak, sometimes scarcely perceptible. Pappus of all, or at least the central florets, composed of feathery hairs.

A genus not numerous in species, but abundantly spread over Europe and Russian Asia. It was formerly united with *Dandelion*, from which it has been separated on account of the feathery pappus.

All the achenes with a pappus of feathery hairs.
- Hairy plant, with simple flower-stems. Pappus with an outer row of minute, simple hairs . . . . . 1. *Common H.*
- Plant nearly glabrous. Flower-stems often divided, enlarged under the flower-heads. All the hairs of the pappus of equal length 2. *Autumnal H.*

Achenes of the outer row of florets with a pappus of very short, simple hairs. Flower-stems simple . . . . . 3. *Lesser H.*

1. **Common Hawkbit.** **Leontodon hispidus,** Linn.

(*Hedypnois*, Eng. Bot. t. 554. *Apargia*, Bab. Man.)

The whole plant more or less hispid with erect, stiff, short hairs, often forked or stellate at the top. Leaves long and narrow, coarsely toothed or pinnatifid. Peduncles 6 inches to a foot or more long, slightly swollen at the top, with a single rather large flower-head. Bracts of the involucre narrow, and always hispid, the inner row much longer than the outer ones. Achenes long, striate, and transversely rugose, slightly tapering at the top, but seldom distinctly beaked. Pappus of about a dozen brown, feathery

hairs, about as long as the achene, surrounded by 5 or 6 others not a quarter that length.

In meadows and pastures, very common in Europe, and eastward to the Caucasus and the Ural, except the extreme north. Abundant in Britain, as far north as Glasgow and Forfar. *Fl. the whole summer and autumn.* A nearly glabrous variety (*L. hastilis*), frequent on the Continent, does not appear to have been found in Britain.

2. **Autumnal Hawkbit. Leontodon autumnalis,** Linn.

(*Hedypnois*, Eng. Bot. t. 830. *Apargia*, Bab. Man.)

Habit nearly of the *long-rooted Hypochœre*, but with smaller flower-heads, and no scales between the florets. Leaves long, narrow, and pinnatifid, with a few narrow lobes, glabrous, or with a few long, stiff hairs. Flower-stems erect, usually with 1 or 2 single-headed branches, having sometimes 1 or 2 narrow, nearly entire leaves near the base; the branches or peduncles nearly glabrous, bearing a few small scales. Involucres oblong, tapering at the base into the enlarged summit of the peduncle, glabrous in the common variety, with closely appressed, imbricated bracts. Achenes long, striate, and transversely wrinkled, tapering into a short beak, scarcely perceptible in the outer ones. Pappus brown and feathery, without the short, outer hairs of the *common H.*

In meadows, pastures, and waste places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions. Abundant all over Britain. *Fl. summer and autumn.* The *mountain H.* (*Hedypnois Taraxaci*, Eng. Bot. t. 1109), is a northern or alpine variety of dwarf stature, with the flower-stems often simple, and rather large flower-heads, the much enlarged summit of the peduncle, and the involucre more or less covered with black hairs. Not unfrequent in the Scotch Highlands. The true *L. Taraxaci*, from the alps of central Europe, is quite a distinct plant.

3. **Lesser Hawkbit. Leontodon hirtus,** Linn.

(*Hedypnois*, Eng. Bot. t. 555. *Thrincia*, Brit. Fl.)

Usually a smaller plant than the two last, and glabrous, or with a few stiff, mostly forked hairs on the leaves and lower part of the peduncles. Leaves oblong or linear, coarsely toothed, sinuate or shortly pinnatifid. Peduncles seldom above 6 inches high, with a single rather small head of bright yellow flowers. Involucres green, glabrous, thickening at the base after flowering, consisting of 10 or 12 nearly equal bracts, with several small imbricated ones at the base. Achenes of the outer row curved, slightly tapering at the top, with a very short, scaly pappus; the others like those of the *common H.*

In rather dry open pastures, moors, and waste places, in central and southern Europe, scarcely extending to its eastern limits, or northward to the Baltic. Very common in England and Ireland, and found in Scotland as far as Glasgow and Fife. *Fl. summer.*

XXXII. **HYPOCHŒRE.** HYPOCHŒRIS.

Annuals or perennials, with the habit and pappus of *Hawkbit*, but more frequently branched; the involucres rather more imbricated, and there are a few chaffy scales on the receptacle between the florets, at least amongst the inner ones.

More numerous in species than *Hawkbit*, it has also a wider geographical range, extending over Europe, Russian Asia, North America, and western and southern South America.

Involucres oblong, nearly glabrous.
- Florets scarcely longer than the involucres. Outer achenes without a beak . . . . . 1. *Glabrous H.*
- Florets longer than the involucres. All the achenes ending in a slender beak . . . . . 2. *Long-rooted H.*

Involucres large, hemispherical, and hairy . . . . . 3. *Spotted H.*

1. **Glabrous Hypochœre. Hypochœris glabra,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 575.)

Much resembles the *long-rooted H.*, but is a smaller plant, with an annual root, and quite glabrous; the stems seldom attain a foot in height, with much smaller flower-heads, although the involucres become much elongated after flowering. The achenes are similarly wrinkled, and have the same feathery pappus, which however is sessile on the achenes of the outer florets, whilst on the central ones it is supported on a slender beak, as in the *long-rooted H.*

Although generally spread over central and southern Europe, and naturalized even in distant temperate climates, it is much less common than the *long-rooted H.*, growing chiefly in sandy situations. Thinly scattered over England, the Scottish stations are still fewer, and not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Long-rooted Hypochœre. Hypochœris radicata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 831. *Cat's-ear.*)

Rootstock perennial. Leaves all radical, spreading, narrow, more or less toothed or pinnately lobed, hispid on both sides with stiff hairs. Stems erect and leafless, 1 to 2 feet high, usually divided like the *autumnal Hawkbit* into two or three long branches or peduncles, slightly thickened upwards, each bearing a few small scales, and terminated by a rather large head of flowers. Involucres near an inch long, narrow but somewhat thickened at the base; the bracts imbricated in several rows, the outer ones smaller, all glabrous or with a few short hairs on the back. Scales of the receptacle long, narrow, and finely pointed. Achenes transversely wrinkled, all narrowed into a long slender beak with a feathery pappus.

In meadows, pastures, and waste places, throughout Europe, except the extreme north, but scarcely extends into Asia. Abundant in Britain, extending far into the north of Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

3. **Spotted Hypochœre. Hypochœris maculata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 225.)

Rootstock perennial. Leaves all or mostly radical, spreading, broadly obovate, or rarely oblong, coarsely toothed or nearly entire, hairy on both sides, and often spotted. Flower-stem erect, 1 to 2 feet high, usually simple, but occasionally bearing a small leaf near the base, and terminated by a single large flower-head; the involucre broad and hairy. The stem is rarely forked, with two flower-heads.

In open pastures, and meadows, widely spread over Europe and Russian Asia, chiefly in mountain districts, although not an Arctic plant. Rare in Britain, the only reliable localities being in Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, and North Wales. *Fl. summer.*

XXXIII. **LETTUCE.** LACTUCA.

Annual or perennial herbs, glabrous or with a few stiff bristles; the stems leafy, erect, and branched, with (in the British species) numerous small heads of yellow flowers. Involucre narrow, of a few imbricated bracts, containing very few florets. Achenes flattened, tapering into a slender beak, with a pappus of numerous white and silky, simple hairs.

A genus widely spread over southern Europe and central Asia, and among the exotic species includes several species differing from the British ones in their large blue flowers. It has the flattened achenes of *Sowthistle*, from which the only positive distinctive character is the beak of the achenes, but the narrow involucres and few florets generally give it a different habit.

Leaves thin, on long stalks, with a broad terminal lobe. Panicle slender. Beak shorter than the achene itself . . . . . 1. *Wall L.*

Leaves mostly sessile, rather stiff, often prickly. Panicle rigid. Beak as long as or longer than the achene.

Panicle rather loose, oblong or spreading. Beak about the length of the achene . . . . . 2. *Prickly L.*

Panicle almost reduced to a long, clustered spike. Beak about twice the length of the achene . . . . . 3. *Willow L.*

Our garden *Lettuces* are luxuriant forms, produced by long cultivation of one or perhaps two southern species, which have not been as yet satisfactorily identified, some botanists believing them to be cultivated varieties of the *prickly L.*

1. **Wall Lettuce. Lactuca muralis,** Fresen.

(*Prenanthes*, Eng. Bot. t. 457.)

A glabrous, erect annual or biennial, about 2 feet high, with slender branches, forming a loose, terminal panicle. Leaves few and thin, rather large, with a broadly triangular, toothed or lobed, terminal segment, and a few irregular smaller ones along the stalk; the upper leaves small, narrow, and entire or toothed. Flower-heads small, on slender pedicels. Involucres about 5 lines long, of 5 equal, linear bracts, with 1, 2, or 3 very small outer ones, containing 4 or 5 florets. Beak of the achenes much shorter than the achene itself.

In woods and shrubby places, in Europe and Russian Asia, extending far into the north, although not an Arctic plant. Not uncommon in England and Ireland, more rare in southern Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Prickly Lettuce. Lactuca scariola,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 268.)

An erect, stiff annual or biennial, 2, 3, or even 4 feet high, of a more or less glaucous green, with short but spreading branches, and quite glabrous, except a few stiff bristles or small prickles on the edges or on the midrib of the leaves. Leaves more or less spreading, varying from lanceolate to broadly oblong, either bordered only with small teeth, or with a few short lobes or coarse teeth usually curved downwards, or deeply pinnatifid with few narrow lobes; the upper ones narrow, more entire, and clasping the stem with pointed auricles. Flower-heads in a more or less leafy panicle, sometimes long and narrow, sometimes more branched and spreading. Involucres 4 or 5 lines long, of a few imbricate bracts, the short, broad, outer ones passing gradually into the inner, long, narrow ones. Florets 6 to 10 or 12, of a pale yellow. Achenes much flattened, obovate-oblong,

striated, varying in colour from nearly white to nearly black, with a slender beak about the length of the achene.

In dry or stony wastes, on banks and roadsides, in central and southern Europe, extending over a great part of central Asia. Thinly scattered in Britain, from southern England to the low tracts in the south-east Highlands of Scotland. *Fl. summer.* The name of *L. Scariola* is often limited to the varieties with more erect leaves, with deeper and narrower lobes; and those with broader leaves, toothed only, and not so glaucous, have been considered as a distinct species, under the name of *L. virosa* (Eng. Bot. t. 1957).

3. **Willow Lettuce. Lactuca saligna,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 707.)

Very near the *prickly L.*, but more slender and twiggy; the leaves upright against the stem, and narrower; the stiff panicles with branches so short that the flower-heads appear clustered in a simple spike; and the beak of the achene from twice to three times its own length. These characters are however so variable as to occasion some doubt whether the two species are really distinct.

The commonest form in the Mediterranean and Caucasian regions, extending to some parts of central Europe. Rare in Britain; most certainly recorded from the banks of the Thames in Kent. *Fl. summer.*

XXXIV. **SOWTHISTLE.** SONCHUS.

Erect, leafy herbs, either glabrous or with more or less glandular hairs on the panicles; the leaves usually pinnately lobed or coarsely toothed, and clasping the stem at the base; the flower-heads in terminal panicles, with numerous yellow or blue florets. Involucre ovoid, with imbricated bracts, and usually becoming conical after flowering. Achenes flattened and striate, not beaked; the pappus sessile, of numerous simple hairs.

A considerable genus, spread over the temperate regions of the northern hemisphere, distinguished from *Lettuce* by the sessile pappus, from *Crepis* and *Hawkweed* by the flattened achenes.

Flowers yellow. Pappus white and silky.
- Perennials. Flower-heads large. Involucres hairy at the base.
  - Marsh plant, the auricles of the leaves narrow and acute . . . . 2. *Marsh S.*
  - Field weed, the auricles of the leaves short and broad . . . . . 1. *Corn S.*
- Annuals. Flower-heads rather small and pale. Involucres glabrous . 3. *Common S.*

Flowers blue. Pappus of stiff, bristly hairs, of a dirty white . . . . 4. *Alpine S.*

1. **Corn Sowthistle. Sonchus arvensis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 674.)

Rootstock creeping. Stems 2 to 3 feet high. Leaves long, pinnatifid or sinuate, the lobes lanceolate or triangular, more or less curved downwards, and bordered by small prickly teeth; the lower ones stalked, the upper ones clasping the stem with short, broad auricles. Flower-heads large, of a bright yellow, in loose terminal panicles; the branches, peduncles, and involucres more or less hispid with brown or black glandular hairs. Achenes striated and tranversely wrinkled, with a pappus of copious, white, silky hairs.

A cornfield weed, extending over the whole of Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Common in Britain. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

2. **Marsh Sowthistle. Sonchus palustris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 935.)

This has the large flowers, glandular hairs, and general habit of the *corn S.*, but is a much taller plant; the rootstock scarcely creeps, and the leaves are narrow, often 8 or 10 inches long, clasping the stem with long pointed auricles, and either undivided or with one or two pairs of long lanceolate lobes.

In marshes, and the edges of ponds and wet ditches. Said to have nearly the geographical range of the *corn S.*, but appears to be more confined to eastern Europe, and nowhere common. In Britain, very rare, the only certain localities being in the marshes of some of the eastern counties of England. *Fl. late summer, or autumn.*

3. **Common Sowthistle. Sonchus oleraceus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 843.)

An annual, with a rather thick hollow stem, 1 to 3 or even 4 feet high, perfectly glabrous, except occasionally a very few stiff glandular hairs on the peduncles. Leaves thin, pinnatifid, with a broad, heartshaped or triangular terminal lobe, bordered with irregular, pointed or prickly teeth, and a few smaller lobes or coarse teeth along the broad leafstalk; the upper leaves narrow and clasping the stem with short auricles. Flower-heads rather small, in a short corymbose panicle, sometimes almost umbellate; the involucres remarkably conical after flowering. Florets of a pale yellow. Achenes flattened, with longitudinal ribs often marked with transverse wrinkles or asperities, the pappus of copious snow-white hairs.

A weed of cultivation, so universally distributed over the globe, except perhaps some tropical districts, that the limits of its native country cannot now be fixed; probably truly indigenous in Europe and central Asia. Very abundant in Britain. *Fl. the whole season.* The *prickly S.* (*S. aspera*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2765 and 2766) appears to be a marked variety, rather than a species, in which the longitudinal ribs of the achenes have not the transverse wrinkles. The leaves are usually darker in colour and less divided, but much more closely bordered with prickly teeth; and the auricles which clasp the stem are broader, rounded, and more prickly toothed: none of these characters are, however, constant. It is almost always mixed with the *common S.*, and in many places as abundant.

4. **Alpine Sowthistle. Sonchus alpinus,** Linn.

(*S. cæruleus*, Eng. Bot. t. 2425. *Mulgedium*, Brit. Fl.)

Stock perennial, with erect stems 2 to 3 feet high. Leaves much like those of the *common S.*, but with a much larger, broadly triangular, and pointed terminal segment. Panicle oblong, almost narrowed into a raceme, more or less hispid with glandular hairs. Involucres narrow, of but few bracts, containing 12 to 20 deep-blue florets. Achenes oblong, but slightly flattened; the hairs of the pappus of a dirty white, and rather stiffer than in the other species.

In moist, rocky situations, in northern and Arctic Europe and Asia, limited in central and southern Europe to mountain-ranges. In Britain, only in the Lochnagar and Clova mountains and their vicinity, where it is now becoming very rare. *Fl. summer, rather late.* The differences in the pappus which have induced its separation as a genus, under the name

of *Mulgedium*, will scarcely hold good in some other exotic species of blue *Sowthistles*.

XXXV. **DANDELION.** TARAXACUM.

Herbs, with a perennial rootstock, radical leaves, and radical peduncles, with single heads of yellow flowers. Involucres of several nearly equal, erect inner bracts, and several imbricated outer ones. Receptacle without scales. Achenes tapering into a long slender beak, with a pappus of numerous simple hairs.

A widely diffused genus, of which all the described species may perhaps be considered as varieties of a single one, differing from *Hawkbit* in the simple hairs of the pappus, from *Crepis* chiefly in the leafless simple peduncles.

1. **Common Dandelion. Taraxacum Dens-leonis,** Desf.

(*Leontodon Taraxacum*, Eng. Bot. t. 510.)

The rootstock descends into a thick tap-root, black on the outside, and very bitter. Leaves varying from linear-lanceolate and almost entire to deeply pinnatifid, with broad triangular lobes usually pointing downwards, the terminal one larger, obovate or acute. Peduncles 2 to 6 or 8 inches high. Involucral bracts linear, often thickened towards the top, or with a tooth on the back below the point. Achenes not compressed, striated, marked upwards with short pointed asperities, the beak two or three times as long as the achene itself.

In meadows and pastures, cultivated and waste places, throughout Europe, Russian and central Asia, and northern America to the Arctic regions, and now a troublesome weed in almost all cultivated parts of the world. Among the numerous forms which have given rise to the distinction of a considerable number of supposed species, the most remarkable British ones are the *common D.*, with pinnatifid leaves and the outer involucral bracts much recurved, and the *marsh D.* (*T. palustre*, Eng. Bot. t. 553), with narrow leaves nearly entire or sinuate, and the outer involucral bracts scarcely spreading at the tips.

XXXVI. **CREPIS.** CREPIS.

Annuals or biennials, rarely forming a stock of longer duration, usually glabrous or slightly hairy, with branched, more or less leafy stems, and rather small heads of flowers in loose panicles, yellow in the British species. Involucre of several nearly equal, linear inner bracts, with smaller outer ones. Receptacle without scales. Achenes not compressed, angular or striated, more or less narrowed at the top or beaked, with a pappus of copious simple hairs, usually very white.

One of the largest genera of *Ligulates* in Europe and Asia, with a very few American species, all nearly allied to *Hawkweed*, but mostly distinguished by habit as well as by the achenes contracted at the top and the white pappus. There are some species, however, so nearly intermediate between the two genera that they are referred to the one or to the other according to the peculiar views of individual botanists.

Achenes narrowed into a distinct, slender beak (*Barkhausia*).
All the achenes with a long, slender beak. Outer involucral bracts lanceolate, whitish at the edges . . . . . 1. *Beaked C.*
Achenes of the outer florets scarcely beaked, the others with a long beak. Outer involucral bracts small, and very narrow . . . 2. *Fetid C.*
Achenes contracted at the top, but without a distinct beak.
Lower leaves pinnatifid, or very narrow. Flower-heads numerous. Pappus very white, and silky.
Outer bracts of the involucre narrow-linear . . . . . 3. *Smooth C.*
Outer bracts of the involucre oblong-linear, with a whitish edge . 4. *Rough C.*
Leaves mostly oblong, coarsely toothed or entire. Flower-heads few. Pappus not very white, and rather stiff.
Leaves mostly entire. Achenes with about 20 ribs or striæ . . . 5. *Hawkweed C.*
Leaves mostly toothed. Achenes with 10 ribs or striæ . . . . 6. *Marsh C.*

The *pink Hawkweed*, formerly much cultivated in flower-gardens, is a species of *Crepis* from south-eastern Europe; the *bristly Crepis* (*C. setosa*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2945), which has the long-beaked achenes of the *beaked C.*, but is covered with stiff, spreading hairs, is a south-east European plant, which has occasionally appeared in Britain as a weed of cultivation.

1. Beaked Crepis. Crepis taraxacifolia, Thuil.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2929. *Borckhausia*, Brit. Fl.)

Much resembles some forms of the *rough C.*, but easily known by the pappus. Leaves chiefly radical and pinnatifid, with a large, terminal, coarsely toothed lobe, and small ones along the stalk. Stems erect, 1 to 2 feet high, bearing a few small, narrow leaves. Flower-heads smaller than in the *fetid C.*, forming a loose, terminal, flat corymb. Involucres scarcely hairy, the outer bracts much shorter than the inner ones, lanceolate, and more or less membranous and whitish on the edges. Achenes all terminated by a slender beak about the length of the achene itself.

In rather dry pastures, and waste places, in central and especially southern Europe, and eastward to the Caucasus, not extending into northern Germany. In Britain, chiefly in limestone districts of southern England and Ireland; rather more frequent than the *fetid C.*, but appears to have been frequently confounded with that plant or with the *rough C.* *Fl. summer.*

2. Fetid Crepis. Crepis fœtida, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 406. *Borckhausia*, Brit. Fl)

A slightly hairy annual or biennial, seldom a foot high, with a few spreading branches. Radical leaves irregularly pinnatifid, with short lobes, the terminal one varying from broadly triangular to narrow-oblong; the stem-leaves narrow, the lower slightly pinnatifid, the upper entire or toothed. Flower-heads few, on long peduncles, usually recurved after flowering. Involucres hairy, the outer bracts small, and very narrow. The beak of the outer achenes is very short, often scarcely distinct, whilst that of the inner ones is long and slender, carrying up the whole pappus above the tips of the involucral bracts.

In rather dry pastures, and waste places, in southern Europe to the Caucasus, becomes rare further north. In Britain only in some of the southern and eastern counties of England. *Fl. summer.*

3. Smooth Crepis. Crepis virens, Linn.

(*C. tectorum*, Eng. Bot. t. 1111.)

An erect or ascending, branched annual or biennial, from 1 to 3 feet

high, usually glabrous or nearly so. Leaves linear or lanceolate, toothed or pinnatifid, with triangular or narrow, but short lobes; the radical ones stalked, the upper ones clasping the stem by pointed, spreading auricles. Flower-heads small, in loose, often leafy panicles. Involucres often slightly hispid, and become conical after flowering; the outer bracts narrow-linear, and rather close. Achenes narrow-oblong, very slightly contracted at the top, but not beaked, and generally shorter than the pappus, although there are frequently in the same head a few much longer than the rest, and longer than their own pappus.

In pastures, on dry banks, roadsides, and waste places, throughout western and central Europe, from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean; further east apparently replaced by the true *C. tectorum*. One of the commonest of the British *Ligulates*. *Fl. the whole summer and autumn*. It varies much in stature and in the size and number of the flower-heads, but they are always smaller than in any other British species.

4. **Rough Crepis. Crepis biennis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 149, *not good.*)

A taller and stouter plant than the *smooth C.*, more frequently biennial, less branched from the base, but forming a broad, terminal corymb of rather larger flower-heads; the leaves more or less rough with short, stiff hairs; and the outer bracts of the involucre broader, with a whitish, membranous edge. In this respect it resembles the larger forms of the *beaked C.*, but the achenes have the ribs much smoother, and although narrowed at the top, they do not bear the long, slender beak of that species.

In similar situations with the three last, dispersed over temperate Europe, from Sweden to the Mediterranean. Rare in Britain; its precise geographical limits are indeed not well ascertained, as it is often confounded with the common *smooth C.* or with the *beaked C.*, but I have seen true specimens from the central and eastern counties of England. *Fl. summer.*

5. **Hawkweed Crepis. Crepis hieracioides,** Jacq.

(*C. succisæfolia*, Brit. Fl. *Hieracium molle*, Eng. Bot. t. 2210.)

Like the *marsh C.*, this has much the habit of a *Hawkweed*, but the pappus is white and soft, as in *Crepis*. It is an erect, scarcely branched perennial, a foot high or rather more, glabrous or slightly hairy. Leaves entire or with a few minute teeth; the radical and lower ones obovate-oblong, on long stalks; the upper ones few, narrow, and clasping the stem. Flower-heads few, in a loose corymb, like those of the *marsh C.*, but the achenes are finely striate, with about 20 ribs.

In meadows and pastures, chiefly in mountain districts, all across central Europe, from the Pyrenees to the Russian frontier, not extending into Scandinavia. In Britain, in a few localities in southern Scotland and northern England. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

6. **Marsh Crepis. Crepis paludosa,** Mœnch.

(*Hieracium*, Eng. Bot. t. 1094.)

This species has almost as much the habit and characters of *Hawkweed*, with which Linnæus associated it, as of *Crepis*, to which it is referred by modern botanists. It is an erect, scarcely branched perennial, but of short duration, and nearly glabrous, 1 to 2 feet high. Radical leaves ovate, coarsely toothed, with a few small lobes along the stalk; the stem-leaves

from broadly oblong to lanceolate, pointed, toothed, especially in the lower part, and clasping the stem by rather large, pointed auricles. Flower-heads yellow, rather large, in corymbs of 8 or 10; the involucres more or less hairy, with black, spreading hairs. The pappus is of a dirty white, almost like that of a *Hawkweed*, but the achenes are distinctly contracted at the top as in *Crepis*, and marked with 10 ribs or striæ.

In moist, shady situations, in northern Europe, and all across Russian Asia, becoming a mountain plant in southern Europe. Extends all over Scotland, and southward into the central counties of England, and into South Wales. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

XXXVII. **HAWKWEED.** HIERACIUM.

Herbs, with a perennial stock, entire or toothed leaves, and yellow or rarely orange-red flower-heads, either on leafless radical peduncles, or in terminal corymbs or panicles on leafy stems. Involucre more or less imbricated. Receptacle without scales. Achenes angular or striated, not narrowed at the top; with a pappus of simple, generally stiff hairs, of a tawny-white or brownish colour.

A rather numerous European and north Asiatic genus, with a few American species, very nearly allied to *Crepis*, but the achenes are not perceptibly contracted at the top, and the hairs of the pappus are usually stiffer, and never so white. The habit is also different, with the exception of a few species, which are also intermediate in more essential characters. The species are some of them very variable, and specimens are frequently found apparently intermediate between some of the commonest ones. In the attempt to classify these forms, and to give greater exactness to their definitions, modern botanists have distributed them into a large number of supposed species, amounting to between 30 and 40 for Britain alone. But the difficulty of distinguishing them appears only to increase with their subdivision, and the seven here enumerated will probably be found to be the only truly botanical species indigenous to Britain.*

Peduncles radical, bearing a single flower-head.
- Peduncles leafless. Stems creeping. Leaves white underneath.
  - Flower-heads pale yellow . . . . . 1. *Mouse-ear H.*
- Peduncles or flower-stems with one or more narrow leaves. No creeping stems. Leaves not white. Flower-heads large, bright yellow.
  - Radical leaves ovate. Involucres with short hairs . . . . . 3. *Wall H.*
  - Radical leaves narrow. Involucres with long hairs . . . . . 2. *Alpine H.*

Flowering-stems with more than one flower-head.
- *Radical leaves mostly persistent at the time of flowering. Stem-leaves one or few. Outer involucral bracts few and short.*
  - Stem-leaves ovate and toothed, or small and narrow, stalked or sessile, scarcely stem-clasping . . . . . 3. *Wall H.*
  - Stem-leaves one or two, entire, glaucous, clasping the stem with broad, rounded auricles . . . . . 4. *Honeywort H.*
- *No radical leaves at the time of flowering. Stems leafy. Outer involucral bracts imbricated.*
  - Upper stem-leaves sessile or shortly stalked, not clasping the stem.
    - Upper stem-leaves all tapering at the base, usually narrow . 5. *Umbellate H.*
    - Upper stem-leaves short and broad, rounded at the base . . 6. *Savoy H.*

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* For further details on the proposed species or permanent varieties, see Backhouse's 'Monograph of the British Hieracia,' where the principal British forms are carefully described, and distributed into 33 species.

Upper stem-leaves clasping the stem.
Auricles of the stem-leaves short and rounded.
Stem-leaves several, ciliate. Pappus dirty-white . . . . 7. *Prenanth H.*
Stem-leaves very few, glabrous. Pappus very white, and soft . . . . . *Hawkweed Crepis.*
Auricles of the stem-leaves long and very pointed, or angular *Marsh Crepis.*

1. **Mouse-ear Hawkweed. Hieracium Pilosella,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1093.)

Stock perennial, with spreading tufts of radical leaves, and creeping, leafy, barren shoots. Leaves much smaller than in the British species, oblong or lanceolate, entire, tapering at the base, and often stalked, green above with a few long hairs, white underneath with a short stellate down. Peduncles radical, with a single head of lemon-coloured flowers, often tinged with red on the outside. Involucres and upper part of the peduncle more or less clothed with a minute and close, whitish down, mixed with short, stiff, spreading black hairs. Achenes shorter in proportion to the pappus than in the other species.

In dry pastures, on banks and roadsides, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions. Very common in Britain. *Fl. the whole season.* In southern Europe it is very variable, but in Britain presents no difficulties. The only other species with creeping runners ever admitted into our Floras, the *orange H.* (*H. aurantiacum*, Eng. Bot. t. 1469), is a native of the mountains of southern Europe, which may here and there have spread out of some cottage gardens, but is not naturalized; it has radical peduncles, bearing a corymb of small, orange-red flower-heads.

2. **Alpine Hawkweed. Hieracium alpinum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1110.)

Rootstock short and thick, sometimes shortly creeping, but without creeping leafy stems. Leaves chiefly radical, oblong or lanceolate, slightly toothed, green, with a few long hairs. Peduncles or flower-stems about 6 inches high, simple or rarely divided into 2 simple branches; they usually bear 1, 2, or even 3 small narrow leaves, and a single rather large head of bright yellow flowers. Involucres and peduncles more or less clothed with long rusty hairs; the outer bracts few and small, as in the *wall H.*

A high alpine or Arctic species, spread over the mountains of northern and Arctic Europe and Asia, and the higher ranges of central and southern Europe. Not uncommon in the Highlands of Scotland and in the mountains of North Wales, and found also in some parts of north-western England. *Fl. summer.* In its ordinary state it is easily enough recognized, but in the Scotch Highlands varieties sometimes occur with broader leaves, more elongated flower-stems, and less shaggy involucres, almost intermediate between this and the *wall H.*, which has induced some botanists to believe that the former may be but a high alpine variety of the latter.

3. **Wall Hawkweed. Hieracium murorum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2082; *H. maculatum*, t. 2121, *H. pulmonarium*, t. 2307, and *H. Lapeyrousii*, Suppl. t. 2915.)

The short perennial stock bears a spreading tuft of rather large, ovate or oblong leaves, always stalked, sometimes very obtuse and nearly entire, more frequently pointed and coarsely toothed, especially near the base, sometimes

tapering into the stalk, sometimes more or less cordate at the base, usually slightly hairy, and often of a pale glaucous-green underneath. Flower-stems erect, 1 to 2 feet high, rarely quite leafless, usually with 1 or 2 leaves near the base like the radical ones but smaller, and 1 or 2 smaller narrow ones higher up, but occasionally with several leaves. Flower-heads rather large and yellow, usually 3 or 4 only, but sometimes as many as 20 or 30, in a loose terminal corymb. Involucres and peduncles more or less clothed with black, glandular hairs, intermixed with a shorter, rusty-coloured down, whilst the stem is glabrous, or bears in the lower part long, white, woolly hairs, which are sometimes very dense close to the stock. Scales of the involucres narrow, the inner ones nearly equal, the outer few and much shorter.

On banks and old walls, in meadows and rich pastures, bushy places, and open woods, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions. Very common all over Britain. *Fl. all summer and autumn.* Exceedingly variable in the shape and teeth of the leaves, in colour and hairiness, in the number of stem-leaves and of flower-heads. In alpine situations the leaves are usually much more entire, often obovate. A marked variety, growing in woods and on banks, with a much more leafy stem, has long been distinguished under the names of *H. sylvaticum* (Eng. Bot. t. 2031) or *H. vulgatum*, but it is everywhere connected with the more typical form by a series of intermediates which defy classification. From the *Savoy H.* and the *umbellate H.* it may be known by the radical leaves larger than the stem ones, and persistent at the time of flowering, except where they have been accidentally choked by the surrounding herbage, or withered by drought or other accidental causes.

4. **Honeywort Hawkweed. Hieracium cerinthoides,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2378, *from a garden specimen.*)

The habit and radical leaves are those of the mountain varieties of the *wall H.*, but the whole plant is still more glaucous, and has generally more of the woolly hairs, especially about the stock. The flower-stems bear but few rather large flowers, and 1 or 2 leaves usually entire, and always clasping the stem with broad, rounded auricles, and the radical leaves are usually remarkably obovate.

In western Europe, chiefly in the Pyrenees, more doubtfully extending to the western Alps and Corsica. A very doubtful British plant. The only specimens I have seen which really resemble the Pyrenean ones (in the dried state at least) are from the mountains of the west and north of Ireland. The Scotch and English and most of the Irish ones so denominated are usually varieties of the *wall H.* or of the *Savoy H.*

5. **Umbellate Hawkweed. Hieracium umbellatum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1771.)

The perennial stock only forms buds in the autumn, which do not expand into a tuft of spreading leaves, as in the *wall H.*, but in the following year grow out into a leafy, erect, rigid stem, 1 to 3 feet high. Radical leaves, if any, few and withering away before the time of flowering. Stem-leaves from narrow-lanceolate to oblong, coarsely toothed or nearly entire; the lower ones stalked, and all tapering at the base. Flower-heads rather numerous, on rather short lateral branches towards the summit of the stem, several of which usually (but not always) start from so nearly the same point as to

form an irregular umbel, and there are often many others lower down in the axils of the upper leaves. Involucres and peduncles glabrous or shortly downy. Leaves glabrous or hairy underneath; the stems usually more or less clothed at the base with long loose hairs. Scales of the involucre more regularly imbricated than in the *wall H.*, the outer ones usually spreading at the tips.

In woods and stony places or banks, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions. Very common in Britain. *Fl. late summer, and autumn.*

6. **Savoy Hawkweed. Hieracium sabaudum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 349. *H. denticulatum*, Eng. Bot. t. 2122. *H. boreale*, Brit. Fl.)

Although intermediate forms between this species and the last may occasionally be found, yet they are in most cases easily distinguished. The *Savoy H.*, though stout and equally tall with the *umbellate H.*, is less rigid and more hairy; the leaves larger, broader, and more toothed, the upper ones shorter, always rounded at the base, and sometimes almost clasping the stem; and the flowering branches form a loose corymb, and never an umbel. From the *wall H.* it is distinguished by the more leafy stem, without radical leaves at the time of flowering, and by the more regularly imbricated involucres.

In woods, under hedges, and in shady places, especially in hilly districts, in Europe, extending eastward to the confines of Siberia, and probably still further into Asia, and northward to the Arctic regions. Distributed generally over Britain, but not so frequent as the *umbellate H.* and especially the *wall H. Fl. late summer, and autumn.*

7. **Prenanth Hawkweed. Hieracium prenanthoides,** Vill.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2235.)

Very near the *Savoy H.*, but the stem-leaves are usually long, lanceolate, and slightly narrowed near the base, and always clasp the stem by rounded auricles, and even the stalks of the lower leaves are expanded at the base into the same stem-clasping auricles. The involucres and peduncles have usually more of the short, black, glandular hairs intermingled with the minute down than either the *Savoy H.* or the *umbellate H.*

In woods, shady places, and rich pastures, and on the banks of streams, in northern Europe and the mountain districts of central Europe. Rare in the Highlands of Scotland, and very doubtfully extending into England. *Fl. late summer, or autumn.*

XXXVIII. **CHICORY.** CICHORIUM.

Perennials, with the leaves mostly radical, stiff branching stems, and sessile heads of blue flowers. Involucres oblong. Achenes crowned by a ring of minute erect scales.

Besides the British species, the genus only includes the garden *Endive*, generally supposed to be a native of India, but it is very doubtful if it be wild even there, and it may be a mere cultivated variety of the common *wild C.*

1. **Wild Chicory. Cichorium Intybus,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 539. *Succory* or *Chicory.*)

Perennial stock descending into a long tap-root. Stems more or less hispid, 1 to 2 or even 3 feet high. Radical leaves spreading on the ground, and, as well as the lower stem-leaves, more or less hairy and pinnatifid, with a large terminal lobe and smaller lateral ones, all pointed and coarsely toothed; the upper leaves small, less cut, embracing the stem by pointed auricles. Flower-heads in closely sessile clusters of 2 or 3 along the stiff spreading branches, and 1 or 2 terminal ones. Involucres of about 8 inner bracts and a few outer ones about half their length; the florets large, of a bright blue. Achenes smooth or scarcely ribbed, closely packed in the hard dry base of the involucre.

In dry wastes, on roadsides, and borders of fields, over the greater part of Europe and Asia, stopping only short of the Arctic regions on the one side, and the tropics on the other. Not uncommon in some parts of England and Ireland, but does not extend far into Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

XXXIX. **ARNOSERIS.** ARNOSERIS.

A single species, distinguished as a genus from *Lapsane,* as having a different habit, and the achenes crowned with a minute raised border; and more naturally associated by older botanists with *Hyoseris,* a Continental genus, in which the achenes have a pappus of chaffy scales or bristles.

1. **Dwarf Arnoseris. Arnoseris pusilla,** Gærtn.
(*Hyoseris,* Eng. Bot. t. 95. *Lapsana,* Brit. Fl.)

Leaves all radical, obovate or oblong, toothed, and glabrous or nearly so. Flower-stalks 4 to 8 inches high, slightly branched, and leafless; the erect branches or peduncles enlarged and hollow upwards, each bearing a small head of yellow flowers.

In dry, sandy or gravelly fields, in northern and central Europe, but not an Arctic plant, and apparently rare in the south. Dispersed over various parts of England, especially in the eastern counties, and occurs in some of the eastern counties of Scotland, but not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

XL. **LAPSANE.** LAPSANA.

Leafy annual, with small yellow flower-heads. Achenes without any pappus or border whatsoever.

The genus consists but of a single species.

1. **Common Lapsane. Lapsana communis,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 814. *Nipplewort.*)

Stem 1 to 2 or 3 feet high, with a few stiff hairs at the base, branched and glabrous upwards. Leaves thin and usually hairy; the lower ones ovate, coarsely toothed, with a few smaller lobes along the stalk; the upper ones small, narrow, and entire. Flower-heads on slender peduncles, in a loose panicle or corymb. Involucre about 3 lines long, of about 8 nearly

equal scales of a glaucous green, with a few very small outer ones. Achenes slightly compressed, with numerous longitudinal nerves.

A common weed in waste and cultivated places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Extends over the whole of Britain, except the northern extremity of Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

XLIII. CAMPANULA FAMILY. CAMPANULACEÆ.

Herbs, with alternate, entire or toothed leaves, without stipules; the flowers most commonly blue or white, either distinct, or collected into heads with a general involucre. Calyx adhering to the ovary, with a free border of 5 teeth or lobes, sometimes very narrow and almost reduced to bristles. Corolla inserted within the lobes of the calyx, regular or irregular, with 5 teeth or lobes. Stamens 5, inserted within the corolla at its base, but otherwise free from it. Anthers distinct, or rarely cohering in a ring round the corolla. Style single, with an entire or divided stigma. Ovary and capsule inferior, divided into from 2 to 5 cells, with several seeds in each (or, in a very few exotic species, reduced to one seed).

A rather large family, widely spread over the temperate regions of both hemispheres, especially the northern one, and crossing the tropics chiefly in mountainous districts. The insertion of the stamens within the base of the corolla, and not upon its tube, is peculiar, among British *Monopetals*, to this Order and to the *Heath* family; and from the latter, *Campanulaceæ* are easily known by their herbaceous stems, and the number of stamens always equal to, never double, that of the lobes of the corolla.

Corolla very irregular, split open on the upper side. Anthers closely cohering . . . . . 1. *Lobelia.*
Corolla regular or nearly so. Anthers free or cohering at the base only.
  Segments of the corolla deep and narrow-linear. Flowers in heads or dense spikes.
    Anthers united in a ring at the base. Heads small, hemispherical . . . . . 2. *Jasione.*
    Anthers distant. Flower-buds cylindrical, curved. Heads globular or elongated . . . . . 3. *Rampion.*
  Lobes of the corolla broad and short . . . . . 4. *Campanula.*

The *Trachelium cæruleum*, a south European plant of early cultivation in our flower-gardens, belongs to the same family; and the Australian *Goodenias*, *Scævolas*, and other allied plants, often seen in our greenhouses, form a small family, which may almost be considered as a tribe of *Campanulaceæ*.

I. LOBELIA. LOBELIA.

Flowers in terminal racemes, usually leafless or nearly so. Corolla very irregular, more or less cleft on the upper side, with 5 lobes usually forming two lips; the 2 upper lobes smallest, and erect or recurved; the 3 lower ones spreading, and less deeply divided. Anthers united in a tube round the style, often hairy, or the 2 lower ones bearded at the top.

A numerous genus, widely spread over the globe, and yet wanting in the greater part of the continent of Europe and northern Asia. Several North American species, with brilliant scarlet or purple flowers, as well as Cape or Australian ones with blue flowers, are much cultivated in our gardens.

Aquatic plant. Flowers drooping . . . . . 1. *Water L.*
Heath plant. Flowers erect . . . . . 2. *Acrid L.*

1. **Water Lobelia.** **Lobelia Dortmanni,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 140.)

An aquatic perennial, with tufts of nearly cylindrical, hollow, radical leaves, 1 to 2 inches long, forming a dense green carpet at the bottom of the water, each tuft proceeding from a small thick stock, with filiform creeping runners. Flowering-stems erect and simple, rising about 6 or 8 inches above the surface of the water, almost leafless. Flowers pale blue, 6 or 7 lines long, drooping, in a simple, loose terminal raceme.

In the shallow parts of the lakes of northern Europe and America. Common in the lakes of Scotland and Ireland, and, in the west of Great Britain, descending as far south as Shropshire and South Wales. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Acrid Lobelia.** **Lobelia urens,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 953.)

Rootstock perennial, shortly creeping, with obovate or oblong radical leaves. Stems simple or slightly branched, erect, 1 to 1½ feet high, bearing in the lower half lanceolate, slightly toothed leaves, and in the upper part a long slender raceme of erect, purplish-blue flowers, about the size of those of the *water L.*

In moist heaths, in western Europe, from Andalusia to western and central France. In Britain, only on a common near Axminster in Devon, where it has been fast disappearing in consequence of enclosures, and will probably soon have to be expunged from our Flora. *Fl. end of summer and autumn.*

II. **JASIONE.** JASIONE.

Flowers blue, in small, terminal, hemispherical heads, surrounded by an involucre of several bracts. Calyx reduced to 5 very narrow, slender lobes. Corolla regular, deeply divided into 5 narrow segments. Anthers united at the base into a ring round the long club-shaped style.

Besides our British species, the genus contains two or three nearly allied perennials, chiefly from the mountains of central and southern Europe and western Asia. The flower-heads of this genus show the nearest approach to *Composites*, from which however the many-seeded capsules at once distinguish it.

1. **Sheep's-bit Jasione.** **Jasione montana,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 882. *Sheep's-bit.*)

Root annual or biennial, bearing in the latter case tufts of radical leaves which live through the winter. Stems sometimes short and decumbent or ascending, sometimes nearly erect, a foot high, with a few spreading branches. Leaves linear or lanceolate, waved on the edges, and more or less hairy. Flower-heads, in the British variety, about half an inch diameter, on long

terminal peduncles; the involucral bracts broadly ovate, the flowers or florets small, of a rather pale blue, on short pedicels.

In heathy pastures, on banks, etc., throughout Europe, except the extreme north, and eastward to the Caucasus. Extends almost all over England and Ireland, but very local in Scotland. *Fl. summer.* On the Continent the size of the flowers and the whole habit of the plant are very variable.

III. **RAMPION.** PHYTEUMA.

Flowers (in the British species) in compact terminal heads or spikes. Corolla when in bud cylindrical and curved, opening more or less into 5 long-linear segments. Anthers free and distinct. Style cleft at the top into 2 or 3 stigmatic lobes. Capsules crowned by the spreading teeth of the calyx, and bursting at the sides.

A small genus, spread over Europe and western Asia, but chiefly in the great central mountain-chains, ascending to great elevations. It is readily known by the long, curved flower-buds.

Flower-heads globular . . . . . 1. *Round-headed R.*
Flower-heads oblong, becoming at length cylindrical . . . . 2. *Spiked R.*

1. **Round-headed Rampion. Phyteuma orbiculare,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 142.)

Rootstock thick or shortly creeping, with simple, erect or slightly decumbent stems, 6 to 18 inches high. The early radical leaves are ovate and cordate, on long stalks, the subsequent ones and lower stem-leaves stalked, but narrow-oblong or lanceolate; the upper ones few, narrow, and sessile. Flowers of a deep blue, in a globular terminal head of nearly an inch in diameter, surrounded by a few short, broadly lanceolate bracts.

In pastures, throughout central and southern Europe, but not extending into Scandinavia. In Britain, only on the chalk downs of southern England. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Spiked Rampion. Phyteuma spicatum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2598.)

A taller and stouter plant than the last, with longer and broader leaves, the lower ones 2 to 4 inches long and an inch or more in breadth, on stalks of 3 or 4 inches; the upper ones few, smaller and narrower. The flowers form at first an ovoid head, which soon becomes a dense spike 2 inches or more in length. The corollas of a very pale dull-blue or yellowish-white.

Widely spread over central, and especially south-central, Europe, extending northwards into Norway. In Britain, only about Waldron, in eastern Sussex. *Fl. summer.*

IV. **CAMPANULA.** CAMPANULA.

Flowers in panicles, racemes, or spikes, sometimes contracted into short leafy heads, or rarely solitary. Corolla regular or nearly so, bell-shaped, broadly tubular or rotate, with 5 broad or lanceolate lobes. Anthers distinct. Style cleft at the top into 2, 3, or 5 stigmatic lobes. Capsule crowned by the teeth or lobes of the calyx, and opening laterally or at the top.

A numerous genus, widely spread over the globe, chiefly in the northern

hemisphere or in the mountain-ranges of the hotter regions, with a few extratropical southern species. Taken as a whole, it is a natural and readily recognized group, but diversities in the opening of the capsule, and several minor points, have induced modern botanists to subdivide it into three or more separate genera. Their characters are, however, so little in accord with their general habit, that they may be more conveniently considered as sub-genera or sections.

Calyx-tube and capsule long and narrow. Corolla rotate (SPECULARIA) . . . . . 9. *Corn C.*
Calyx-tube short and broad. Corolla bell-shaped.
Delicate, prostrate plant, with nearly orbicular, angularly toothed leaves. Capsule opening at the top (WAHLENBERGIA) . . . . . 8. *Ivy C.*
Stems erect or ascending. Upper leaves narrow or pointed. Capsule opening at the sides.
Stem-leaves linear or linear-lanceolate, entire or nearly so.
Lobes of the corolla as long or nearly as long as the tube.
Annual or biennial, with slender spreading branches and few flowers. The corolla rather large and very open . 6. *Spreading C.*
Erect, stiff perennial, with long racemes of rather small flowers . . . . . 5. *Rampion C.*
Lobes of the corolla considerably shorter than the tube . . 7. *Harebell C.*
Stem-leaves ovate-lanceolate or heart-shaped, and toothed.
Flowers two or more together in the upper axils or in terminal heads or clusters.
Flowers closely sessile, in compact heads . . . . . 1. *Clustered C.*
Flowers shortly stalked, in rather loose clusters . . . 2. *Nettle-leaved C.*
Flowers growing singly in the upper axils or in a simple terminal raceme.
Flowers (middle-sized) in a long terminal raceme, with short floral leaves . . . . . 4. *Creeping C.*
Flowers few and large, the lower ones in the axils of leaves longer than themselves.
Lower stem-leaves stalked, but tapering at the base . 3. *Giant C.*
Lower stem-leaves stalked, and heart-shaped at the base . . . . . 2. *Nettle-leaved C.*

Many species of *Campanula* have long been favourites in our gardens for the beauty of their flowers, amongst which the most common are the *Canterbury-bell* (*C. medium*), the *C. pyramidalis*, *betonicæfolia*, *garganica*, *Carpathica*, *persicifolia*, etc. The latter species (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2773), very widely distributed over the continent of Europe, and northern Asia, and easily maintaining itself when once planted, has been inserted in our Floras, but it does not appear to have anywhere spread permanently beyond our gardens.

1. **Clustered Campanula.** **Campanula glomerata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 90.)

Rootstock short, more or less creeping. Stem firm, erect, a foot high or rather more, and hairy. Radical and lower leaves stalked; the remainder sessile, broadly lanceolate, clasping the stem by their cordate base, and roughly hairy. Flowers sessile, in small clusters in the upper leaves, the upper ones forming a compact leafy head. Corolla blue, about half an inch long or rather longer. Capsules short and broad, crowned by the narrow leafy teeth of the calyx, and bursting open by small clefts at their base.

In rather dry pastures, throughout continental Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Extends over the greater part of England, but is absent from some of the western counties as well as from Ireland, and only penetrates into the south-eastern counties of Scotland. *Fl. summer.* In very dry soils it often becomes very much dwarfed.

2. **Nettle-leaved Campanula. Campanula Trachelium,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 12.)

A variable species, sometimes approaching in appearance the smaller specimens of the *giant C.*, sometimes with the upper flowers almost contracted into a head or cluster like the *clustered C.* Lower leaves on long stalks, always broadly heart-shaped and coarsely toothed; the upper ones small and ovate-lanceolate. Flowers large, two or three together in short leafy racemes in the upper axils or at the summit of the stem, or sometimes solitary, as in the *giant C.;* the calyx stiffly hairy, with broadly-lanceolate segments.

Its stations and geographical range are nearly the same as those of the *giant C.*, extending all across Russian Asia, but it appears to be more generally diffused in western Europe. It is also more common in England, but rare in Ireland, and very doubtfully indigenous in Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Giant Campanula. Campanula latifolia,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 302.)

A tall, handsome species, with nearly simple stems; the leaves ovate-lanceolate, pointed and toothed, often 6 inches long and at least 2 inches broad, all narrowed at the base, and the lower ones stalked. Flowers large, blue or white, solitary in the axils of the upper leaves, forming a leafy raceme, the uppermost exceeding their leaves. Capsules short, crowned by the long-lanceolate calyx-segments, and opening by short clefts at the base.

In the woods of northern Europe and Russian and central Asia, and extending to the Arctic regions, but becomes rather a mountain plant in southern Europe. Pretty frequent in Ireland, southern Scotland, and northern England, but apparently shunning the extreme counties at both ends of Great Britain. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Creeping Campanula. Campanula rapunculoides,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1369.)

Rootstock more creeping than in the other species, with a simple erect stem 1 to 2 feet high. Lower leaves on long stalks, and heart-shaped; the upper ones small, ovate-lanceolate. Flowers drooping, not so large as in the two last species, but varying in size; they grow singly in the axils of small floral leaves, forming long, terminal, simple racemes. Capsules nearly globular, crowned by the linear or narrow-lanceolate lobes of the calyx, and opening by small clefts at the base.

In open woods, in central and southern Europe and western Asia. Having been early cultivated in gardens, and when once planted in a genial soil becoming often difficult of extirpation, it is doubtful how far it may be indigenous in the more northern stations given for it. In Britain, admitted as a native of a few localities distantly scattered over England and Scotland, but evidently with much doubt. *Fl. summer.*

5. **Rampion Campanula. Campanula Rapunculus,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 283. *Ramps* or *Garden Rampion.*)

An erect, stiff, but rather slender perennial, more or less covered with stiff white hairs, which almost disappear when cultivated. Radical leaves oblong or ovate, on long stalks, and slightly crenate; the stem-leaves narrow and mostly entire. Flowers small, on short peduncles, forming long, simple, or

slightly branched terminal racemes; the corolla divided to about the middle into 5 lanceolate segments, but not near so large nor so open as in the *spreading C.* Capsule short and erect, opening in small lateral clefts close under the narrow-linear segments of the calyx.

On banks, roadsides, and open pastures, in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, becoming scarcer further north, and in many places probably only escaped from cultivation. In Britain, it used to be commonly raised in kitchen-gardens for its tuberous roots, and it is uncertain whether in those localities in southern England, where it is now undoubtedly wild, it should be held as a true native or merely established through cultivation. *Fl. summer.*

6. **Spreading Campanula. Campanula patula,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 42.)

An erect but rather slender annual or biennial, about a foot high, and slightly hairy, with spreading branches. Radical leaves obovate or oblong, and stalked; the stem ones few, narrow-lanceolate or linear, nearly entire. Flowers few, rather larger than in the *Harebell C.*, in a spreading panicle; the corolla much more open, of a more purplish colour, and divided to the middle into 5 broad, pointed lobes. Capsule obconical, erect, and opening in short clefts close under the long, linear segments of the calyx.

Under hedges, on banks, and in bushy pastures, over the whole of Europe, except the extreme north, extending to the Caucasus and to the Ural. In Britain, chiefly confined to the central and southern counties of England. *Fl. summer.*

7. **Harebell Campanula. Campanula rotundifolia,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 866.)

A perennial, with a slender, creeping rootstock, often very intricate; the radical leaves, which mostly die away at the time of flowering, orbicular or heart-shaped; those of the stem all narrow-lanceolate or linear, and entire. Stems ascending or erect, 6 to 18 inches high, often branched, with a few elegantly drooping blue flowers, in a loose raceme or panicle, or sometimes solitary. Corolla bell-shaped, with 5 broad lobes much shorter than the entire part. Capsule ovoid or globular, pendulous, and opening in short clefts close to the base.

In hilly pastures, on heaths, banks, and roadsides, the commonest species in Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle, and ascending to great elevations. Abundant all over Britain. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

8. **Ivy Campanula. Campanula hederacea,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 73.)

A little, graceful, prostrate perennial, with very slender, thread-like branches, and small, delicate leaves, mostly orbicular or broadly heart-shaped, with a few broad, angular teeth. Flowers on long, filiform peduncles, drooping in the bud, nearly erect when fully out, and often drooping again as the fruit ripens. Corolla not half an inch long, narrow-bellshaped, of a delicate pale-bluish purple. Capsule almost globular, opening in 3 valves at the top between the calycine teeth, on which account this species is placed by modern botanists in the genus *Wahlenbergia.*

In moist, shady pastures, and woods, chiefly along rills and banks. Abun-

dant in the extreme west of Europe, extending through central France, eastward to the Rhine. In Britain, common in Ireland and western England, as far north as the Isle of Man, and more sparingly in the east, from Sussex in the south to Yorkshire in the north. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

9. **Corn Campanula. Campanula hybrida,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 375.)

A nearly simple annual, erect or decumbent, branched at the base, 6 to 8 inches high, and rather hairy. Leaves oblong, much waved at the edges. Flowers sessile in the axils of the upper leaves, remarkable for their long, narrow, triangular ovary and capsule, crowned by the linear or oblong leafy segments of the calyx. Corolla blue, much shorter than the calyx, and very open. The capsule opens by short clefts close under the segments of the calyx. Seeds very bright and shining.

A cornfield weed, apparently of southern origin, but now widely spread over a great part of Europe. Not uncommon in the cornfields of central and southern England, and appears occasionally in the north and in some parts of Scotland, but has not been found in Ireland. *Fl. with the corn.* The *Venus's looking-glass* of our gardens (*C. Speculum*) is a nearly allied species, common on the Continent, with the same long capsule, but a much larger corolla, flat, and exceeding the lobes of the calyx. These plants are now usually considered as forming a distinct genus, under the name of *Specularia*.

XLIV. THE HEATH FAMILY. ERICACEÆ.

Shrubs, sometimes very low, creeping, and almost herbaceous, or occasionally growing into small trees, with entire or toothed undivided leaves, and flowers usually drooping, either solitary or in small clusters or racemes in the axils of the leaves, or forming short, terminal, leafy racemes. Calyx of 4 or 5 divisions, either free or with a tube adhering to the ovary. Corolla inferior or superior, usually ovoid or globular, sometimes small and campanulate, with 4 or 5 lobes, or (in the two last anomalous genera) with 4 or 5 nearly distinct petals. Stamens twice as many, or rarely the same in number as the lobes of the corolla, and inserted within the corolla but distinct from it; anthers opening at the top with two pores, or (in *Monotropa*) with transverse valves. Ovary having usually as many (rarely apparently twice as many) cells as the lobes of the corolla. Fruit a capsule or berry, with one or several seeds in each cell; the seeds very small, with a fleshy albumen.

A large Order, widely spread over the whole world (excepting Australia), especially in the temperate and colder regions, but not uncommon also in hilly districts within the tropics. It is distinguished from all British Monopetals, except *Campanulaceæ*, by the insertion of the stamens, and from the

latter Order by the shrubby habit, the shape of the flower, and especially by the anthers opening in 2 small terminal pores.

Calyx-tube adherent. Corolla superior. Leaves alternate, often toothed . . . . . 1. VACCINIUM.
Sepals free. Corolla inferior.
Fruit a berry. Leaves alternate, often toothed.
Tall shrub, or tree. Cells of the ovary with several ovules in each . . . . . 2. ARBUTUS.
Low, creeping shrubs. One ovule in each cell of the ovary . . 3. BEARBERRY.
Fruit a dry capsule. Leaves usually small and entire.
Stamens 5. Leaves very small, opposite . . . . . 5. LOISELEURIA.
Stamens 8.
Corolla deciduous. Leaves scattered, white underneath . . 6. MENZIESIA.
Corolla remaining till the capsule is ripe. Leaves opposite or whorled . . . . . 7. HEATH.
Stamens 10. Leaves alternate.
Capsule opening by slits in the middle of the cells. Flowers pink . . . . . 4. ANDROMEDA.
Capsule opening by the splitting of the partitions. Flowers purplish-blue . . . . . 6. MENZIESIA.

The *Rhododendrons*, *Azaleas*, *Kalmias*, and other genera of our so-called American gardens, belong also to the *Heath* family, which comprises perhaps more ornamental plants than any other Order. The *Epacrises* and allied plants which flower in such perfection in our greenhouses in early spring, form a closely allied family, which replaces the *Heaths* in Australia.

I. **VACCINIUM.** VACCINIUM.

Low shrubs, with alternate leaves, and flowers usually solitary, or only two or three together. Calyx with a short tube adhering to the ovary, and 4 or 5 small teeth. Corolla superior, with as many teeth or divisions. Stamens twice as many. Berry globular, with several seeds (or, at any rate, several ovules, in the young state) in each cell.

A numerous genus in mountainous districts or boggy heaths, over a great part of the globe, now usually considered as forming a distinct family, separated from that of the *Heaths* on account of the inferior ovary; but this character, however important it may be in many cases, is, in this instance, very artificial. *Vaccinium* has also been divided into numerous genera, chiefly according to the form of the corolla; and many of them, including the brilliant *Thibaudias*, occasionally grown in our stoves, must undoubtedly be adopted as such, although their characters are as yet far from being settled.

Stems erect or decumbent at the base. Leaves deciduous. Anthers with 2 little awns or points on the back. Berries black or bluish.
Branches angular. Leaves toothed . . . . . 1. *Bilberry V.*
Branches terete. Leaves entire . . . . . 2. *Bog V.*
Stems prostrate or creeping. Leaves evergreen. Anthers without awns. Berries red.
Leaves obovate, firm. Corolla campanulate . . . . . 3. *Cowberry V.*
Leaves small, ovate or lanceolate. Stem slender. Corolla spreading, with reflexed lobes . . . . . 4. *Cranberry V.*

1. **Bilberry Vaccinium.** **Vaccinium Myrtillus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 456. *Bilberry. Whortleberry.*)

A small, glabrous shrub, with numerous erect or spreading, angular, green branches, 6 inches to a foot high, or rather more. Leaves deciduous, ovate, often slightly cordate at the base, seldom an inch long, bordered with small teeth, and scarcely stalked. Flowers nearly globular, of a pale greenish-

white, with a tinge of red, growing singly on short recurved pedicels in the axils of the leaves. Berry globular, nearly black, covered with a glaucous bloom, and crowned by the short teeth of the calyx.

In mountain heaths and woods, in northern and central Europe and Russian Asia, restricted to great mountain-ranges in southern Europe, and usually occupies large tracts of land. Common in Britain, with the exception of eastern England. *Fl. spring.*

2. **Bog Vaccinium. Vaccinium uliginosum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 581.)

A smaller plant, more woody and branched than the *Bilberry V.*, with smaller, obovate or orbicular leaves, quite entire, but thin, deciduous, and much veined, as in that species. The branches are cylindrical, or have scarcely perceptible angles, and are much shorter and not so straight. Flowers rather smaller; the berries very similar in size and colour.

In mountain heaths and bogs, in northern and central Europe, Russian Asia, and northern America; generally restricted to greater elevations than the *Bilberry V.* Common in the Highlands of Scotland, and descends to the northern counties of England, but not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. spring.*

3. **Cowberry Vaccinium. Vaccinium Vitis-idæa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 598. *Red Whortleberry. Cowberry.*)

Stems much branched, procumbent, and straggling, with numerous evergreen, obovate or oblong leaves, like those of the *Box.* Flowers several together, in short, dense, terminal, drooping racemes. Corolla of a pale flesh-colour, campanulate, with spreading but not reflexed lobes. Berries much resembling those of the *Cranberry*, for which they are sometimes sold.

In dry, rocky moors, and heaths, and open woods, in northern and central Europe, Russian Asia, and North America, becoming a mountain plant in southern Europe. In Britain, spread over Scotland, northern and western England, Wales, and Ireland. *Fl. early summer.*

4. **Cranberry Vaccinium. Vaccinium Oxycoccos,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 319. *Cranberry.*)

Stem creeping, and very much more slender and wiry than in any of the preceding species. Leaves small, evergreen, ovate or lanceolate, with their edges rolled back, and the under side very glaucous. Flowers drooping, on long, slender peduncles, which have a pair of small bracts below the middle. Corolla deeply divided into 4 lobes, which are very spreading or turned back, exposing the stamens. Berry globular, red, crowned by the 4 short teeth of the calyx.

In peat-bogs, in northern Europe, Asia, and America, and in the high mountain-ranges of central Europe, but not recorded from the Caucasus. In Britain, thinly scattered though widely diffused through the chief part of our islands, but now rendered much less plentiful than formerly from the drainage and enclosure of waste lands. *Fl. summer.* It is often considered as forming a distinct genus on account of the shape of the corolla.

II. **ARBUTUS.** ARBUTUS.

Shrubs or trees, with alternate, entire or toothed, evergreen leaves; the flowers in terminal panicles. Calyx inferior, of 5 small sepals. Corolla ovoid, enclosing the 10 stamens. Ovary of 5 cells, with several seeds in each. Fruit an indehiscent berry.

A small genus, chiefly American, with 2 or 3 Asiatic species, one of which extends into Europe.

1. **Common Arbutus. Arbutus Unedo,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2377. *Arbutus. Strawberry-tree.*)

An evergreen shrub or bushy tree, the young shoots often hairy, but otherwise glabrous. Leaves shortly stalked, ovate or oblong-lanceolate, toothed, and shining on the upper side, 2 to 3 inches long. Flowers in small, drooping terminal panicles, scarcely so long as the leaves, of a greenish white, often tinged with pink. Berry red, globular, and granulated, so as at a distance to resemble a strawberry, but dry and without flavour.

Frequent in hilly districts of southern Europe, extending eastward almost if not quite to the Caucasus, and ascending along the western coast of Europe to Ireland, where it is abundant about the lakes of Killarney, but not indigenous to any part of Great Britain. *Fl. autumn.*

The *A. Andrachne*, from western Asia, and *A. procera*, from north-west America, are often planted in our gardens.

III. **BEARBERRY.** ARCTOSTAPHYLOS.

Low, creeping, or straggling shrubs, with alternate, entire or toothed leaves, and rather small flowers, 2 or 3 together, in short terminal racemes. Calyx, corolla, and stamens of *Arbutus*, but the ovary has but one ovule in each cell. Fruit a berry, with 5 or fewer seeds.

A considerable American genus, with a very few Asiatic and European species.

Leaves evergreen, shining, and Box-like . . . . . 1. *Common B.*
Leaves strongly veined, withering away at the end of the year . . . . 2. *Black B.*

1. **Common Bearberry. Arctostaphylos Uva-ursi,** Spreng.

(*Arbutus*, Eng. Bot. t. 714.)

The plant has some resemblance to the *Cowberry*, but is at once known by the free ovary and fruit, the sepals being at the base of the berry, not crowning it. The procumbent stems form large masses, with numerous shining, evergreen, obovate or oblong leaves, quite entire, and seldom an inch long. Flowers much like those of the *Arbutus*, but smaller, from 4 to 6 together, in compact, drooping terminal racemes. Berries globular, of a bright red, smooth and shining.

On rather dry, heathy, or rocky hills, often covering considerable tracts of ground, and extending over a great part of central and northern Europe, Russian Asia, and Northern America, to the Arctic Circle. In Britain, confined to Scotland, northern England, and Ireland. *Fl. spring.*

2. **Black Bearberry. Arctostaphylos alpina,** Spreng.

(*Arbutus*, Eng. Bot. t. 2030.)

A low, creeping shrub, with shorter and more herbaceous branches than

those of the last species; the leaves rather narrower, and very different in consistence, being thin, strongly veined, toothed at the top, and withering away at the end of the season. Young shoots surrounded by the scales of the leaf-buds, which remain long persistent. Flowers small, usually 2 or 3 together, on short, drooping pedicels.

A high alpine or Arctic plant, common in the mountains of northern Europe, Asia, and America, and at high altitudes in the more central chains of the two former continents. In Britain, only in the northern Highlands of Scotland, including Ben Nevis. *Fl. spring.*

IV. **ANDROMEDA.** ANDROMEDA.

Small shrubs or herb-like undershrubs, chiefly growing in peat-bogs, with the flowers of an *Arbutus*, but a dry capsular fruit opening in as many entire valves as it has cells, by slits placed in the middle of the cells, not by the splitting of the partitions as in *Menziesia*, each cell containing several seeds.

A small genus, limited by some modern botanists to the single British species, but usually extended so as to comprise several other North American, as well as Asiatic and European species.

1. **Marsh Andromeda. Andromeda polifolia,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 713.)

A low, branching, herb-like shrub, seldom above 6 inches high, and quite glabrous. Leaves alternate, ½ to 1 inch long, oblong-lanceolate, evergreen, with their edges rolled back, and very glaucous underneath. Flowers on rather long pedicels, in short, terminal racemes or clusters; the calyx small, deeply 5-lobed; the corolla pale pink, ovoid, enclosing the 10 stamens.

In peat-bogs in northern Europe, Asia, and America, to the Arctic regions, and in the great mountain-chains of central Europe. In Britain, confined to central and northern England and southern Scotland, but absent from the Scotch Highlands, where the plants of similar Continental distribution are usually found. *Fl. all summer.*

V. **LOISELEURIA.** LOISELEURIA.

A low, trailing shrub, with small, opposite leaves. Sepals 5. Corolla campanulate, 5-lobed. Capsule free, with 2 or 3 cells, opening in as many valves by the splitting of the partitions, and containing several seeds.

The single species of which this genus consists, was included by Linnæus among his *Azaleas*, and some botanists retain that name for it, proposing to give that of *Anthodendron* to the showy shrubs so well known as *Azaleas* in our American gardens, but such a change would entail great useless confusion in synonymy, and the name of *Loiseleuria* is now generally adopted, at least by Continental botanists.

1. **Trailing Loiseleuria. Loiseleuria procumbens,** Desv.

(*Azalea*, Eng. Bot. t. 865.)

Leaves numerous, evergreen, only 2 or 3 lines long, ovate or oblong, shining on their upper side, with the edges rolled back. Flowers small,

and rose-coloured, in short terminal clusters. Valves of the capsule usually shortly split at the top.

On mountain moors, in northern and Arctic Europe, Asia and America, and in the high alpine chains of central Europe. In Britain only in the Scotch Highlands. *Fl. spring.*

VI. **MENZIESIA.** MENZIESIA.

Heath-like, low shrubs, with scattered leaves, and blue or pink flowers, in terminal racemes. Sepals 4 or 5. Corolla deciduous, ovoid, with 4 or 5 short lobes. Stamens 8 or 10. Capsule free, with 4 or 5 cells, opening in as many valves by the splitting of the partitions.

A small northern and west European genus, artificially distinguished from *Andromeda* by the manner in which the capsule opens, from *Heath* by the deciduous corolla, from *Loiseleuria* by the number of stamens. It has been divided by modern botanists into almost as many genera as there are species.

Flowers pink, with 4 lobes. Leaves white underneath . . . . . 1. *St. Dabeoc's M.*
Flowers blue, with 5 lobes. Leaves green on both sides . . . . 2. *Blue M.*

1. **St. Dabeoc's Menziesia.** **Menziesia polifolia,** Sm.

(*Erica Dabeoci*, Eng. Bot. t. 35. *St. Dabeoc's Heath.*)

A low shrub, rather straggling at the base, with ascending flowering branches, clothed with short, rather viscid hairs. Leaves small, the lower ones ovate, the upper ones narrow, all green above, and very white underneath. Flowers very elegant, nearly 6 lines long, pink or sometimes white, drooping from short pedicels, in a loose terminal raceme. Corolla with 4 very short, spreading lobes. Stamens 8. Capsule 4-celled.

A strictly west European plant; common on the heathy wastes of the Asturias and south-western France, and extending up to Cunnemara in Ireland, but unknown in Great Britain. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Blue Menziesia.** **Menziesia cærulea,** Sm.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2469.)

A small, much branched shrub. Leaves evergreen, crowded, linear, green on both sides, and bordered with minute, glandular teeth, scarcely visible without a magnifying-glass. Flowers of a purplish blue, on long pedicels, clustered three or four together, in very short terminal racemes or umbels. Corolla 4 or 5 lines long, with 5 very short lobes. Stamens 10. Capsule 5-celled.

On mountain heaths, in northern and Arctic Europe, Asia and America. In Britain only on the mountain called the Sow of Athol, in Perthshire, where it is becoming exceedingly rare, if not already extinct. *Fl. summer.*

VII. **HEATH.** ERICA.

Much branched shrubs, usually low, but in some species attaining 8 or 10 feet, with small, entire leaves, usually in whorls of 3 or 4, but sometimes opposite or scattered, and almost always rolled back on their edges. Flowers either axillary or in short terminal racemes or clusters, mostly

drooping. Sepals 4. Corolla ovoid, globular, or campanulate (in some exotic species tubular), more or less 4-lobed, and persisting round the capsule till its maturity. Stamens 8. Capsule free, with 4 cells, opening in as many or twice as many valves, each cell with several seeds.

A genus of about 400 genuine species, besides the innumerable hybrids and varieties raised in our gardens. Its geographical range is eminently Atlantic. The greater number of species come from south-western Africa, where they extend but very little way to the eastward. In Europe also *Heaths* are strictly western, with the exception of two or three species extending a considerable way eastward along the sandy wastes of northern Europe, or round the Mediterrancan to the frontiers of Asia. The genus is otherwise unknown in Asia, America or Australia.

Corolla shorter than the calyx. Leaves very short, all opposite . 1. *Common H.*
Corolla longer than the calyx. Leaves in threes or in fours.
  Anthers included within the corolla.
    Corolla nearly ¼ inch long, oblique at the mouth. Anthers without awns . . . . . 4. *Ciliated H.*
    Corolla about ¼ inch long, straight at the mouth. Anthers with two awns, or little appendages at the insertion of the filament.
      Leaves 3 in a whorl. Flowers numerous, in oblong or elongated racemes . . . . . 2. *Scotch H.*
      Leaves 4 in a whorl. Flowers few, in terminal clusters or umbels . . . . . 3. *Cross-leaved H.*
  Anthers protruding from the corolla, without awns or appendages.
    Corolla campanulate or nearly globular. Sepals short. Anthers short, with slender filaments . . . . . 6. *Cornish H.*
    Corolla narrow-ovoid. Sepals linear. Anthers oblong, with flattened filaments . . . . . 5. *Mediterranean H.*

1. **Common Heath. Erica vulgaris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1013. *Calluna vulgaris*, Brit. Fl. *Heath* or *Ling.*)

A low, straggling shrub, seldom above a foot high. Leaves very small and short, opposite, a little prolonged at the base below their insertion, and on the young shoots closely imbricated in four rows. Flowers small, of a purplish pink, often very pale or even white, on short pedicels along the upper branches, forming irregular, leafy racemes. Calyx coloured like the corolla, with 4 small bracts at its base, often called an outer calyx. Corolla concealed by the calyx, deeply 4-lobed. Capsule opening by slits opposite the partitions, not in the middle of the cells, as in most other *Heaths.*

The most widely distributed of all the *Heaths,* extending over the whole of central and northern Europe to the Arctic Circle, eastward to the Ural, and westward to the Atlantic, from Labrador down to the Azores. In Britain very abundant. *Fl. summer.* It varies, either quite glabrous or more or less downy, or even hairy. It is now generally considered as a distinct genus under the name of *Calluna.*

2. **Scotch Heath. Erica cinerea,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. 1015. *Scotch Heather.*)

Usually more bushy, and rather taller than the *common H.*, the leaves linear, finer and more pointed than in any of our other *Heaths,* and usually 3 in a whorl, with clusters of small leaves in their axils. Flowers numerous, of a reddish purple, in very showy, dense terminal racemes. Sepals small and narrow. Corolla ovoid, about 3 lines long, straight at the mouth, with 4 very small lobes or teeth. Stamens enclosed in the

corolla, with small, toothed appendages at the insertion of the anther on the filament.

Common in western Europe, from southern Spain to Norway. Ranges over nearly the whole of Britain, covering immense tracts of country on the Scotch, Irish, Welsh, and some of the western English moors. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

3. **Cross-leaved Heath. Erica Tetralix,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1014.)

Generally a lower plant than the *Scotch H.*, bushy at the base, with rather short, erect flowering branches ; the leaves in fours, shorter and less pointed than in that species, and ciliate with short stiff hairs, besides a short, whitish down, which often clothes the branches and upper leaves. Flowers about the size of those of the *Scotch H.*, but more pink in colour, and forming little terminal clusters or close umbels. Appendages to the anthers entire, awn-like, and often nearly as long as the anthers themselves.

A strictly western species in southern Europe, but in northern Europe extends over Sweden and northern Germany to Courland and Livonia, but never so gregarious as the *Scotch H.* Ranges all over Britain, and very common in the west. *Fl. summer, rather late.* A very marked variety, with shorter and broader leaves of a darker green, from Cunnemara, in Ireland, and also from the Asturias, has been distinguished under the name of *E. Mackaiana* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2900) as a species, and was formerly adopted as such by myself, but the numerous intermediate specimens I have since seen, induce me now to consider it as a mere variety. Intermediate forms between this and the following species, observed near Truro, in Cornwall, are believed to be natural hybrids.

4. **Ciliated Heath. Erica ciliaris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2618.)

A very handsome species, readily known by its raceme of highly coloured rosy flowers, of the size of those of *St. Dabeoc's Menziesia.* It is a straggling shrub, ciliated with short stiff hairs. Leaves 3 in a whorl, ovate. Flowers in short pedicels in the axils of the upper leaves. Sepals small and ciliate. Corolla about 5 lines long, with a small, very oblique, 4-lobed mouth. Stamens enclosed in the corolla, without any appendages to the anthers.

A strictly western species, extending from Spain and Portugal to the west of Ireland, and not penetrating far inland. Also found in Cornwall, and near Corfe Castle, in Dorsetshire. *Fl. early summer.*

5. **Mediterranean Heath. Erica carnea,** Linn.

(*E. mediterranea*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2774.)

Leaves in fours or rarely in threes, linear but obtuse, firmer and thicker than in the *Scotch H.* Flowers axillary, forming leafy racemes either terminal or below the ends of the branches. Sepals linear-lanceolate and coloured. Corolla narrow-ovoid, about 3 lines long, of a reddish flesh-colour. Anthers protruding slightly from the mouth of the corolla, oblong, inserted by their lower ends on somewhat flattened filaments, without any appendages.

The geographical range is different from that of most *Heaths*, being scattered here and there on the lower hills along the great central range of

European mountains, from Switzerland to the Balkan, where it is usually, but not always, a rather low, almost straggling shrub. Descending to the shores of the Atlantic it is there more erect, with rather smaller flowers, a form considered by many as a distinct species, under the name of *E. mediterranea*. It reappears in some of the western counties of Ireland in a form intermediate between the extreme Continental varieties. It is not wild in Great Britain, but frequently cultivated in our gardens. *Fl. early spring.*

6. **Cornish Heath. Erica vagans,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 3, *incorrect as to the shape of the flowers.*)

A rather low species, the leaves linear, in fours or sometimes in threes, as in the *Mediterranean H.* Flowers very numerous, on slender pedicels, forming terminal, oblong or cylindrical racemes. Sepals short and obtuse. Corolla pink, rather small, campanulate when it first expands, but becoming nearly globular. Anthers very small, appearing double, protruding beyond the corolla upon very slender filaments, without appendages.

A gregarious species, often occupying large tracts of open country like the *Scotch H.*; ranging all round the Mediterranean from Spain to Greece, Turkey, and Egypt, and ascending along the Atlantic to Cornwall and the south coast of Ireland, but never penetrating very far inland. *Fl. summer, rather early.*

VIII. **WINTERGREEN.** PYROLA.

Low herbs, with a slender, shortly creeping stock; orbicular or ovate, nearly radical leaves; and white or greenish, drooping flowers, either solitary or several in a short raceme, on leafless, erect peduncles. Sepals 5, small. Petals 5, distinct or slightly joined at the base, forming at first a spreading corolla, which persists round the capsule, assuming a globular shape. Stamens 10. Capsule 5-celled, opening by slits in the middle of the cells.

A small genus, confined to the northern hemisphere both in the new and the old world; allied to the *Heaths* in all essential characters, although so different in habit and foliage. It has been divided by modern botanists into almost as many genera as it has species.

Flowers solitary . . . . . 1. *One-flowered W.*
Flowers several in a raceme.
  Leaves ovate, pointed. Flowers small, in a close one-sided raceme. . . . . 5. *Serrated W.*
  Leaves ovate or rounded, obtuse. Flowers in a loose raceme, usually few.
    Style much longer than the corolla, and curved . . . . . 2. *Larger W.*
    Style longer than the corolla, and straight . . . . . 3. *Intermediate W.*
    Style not longer than the corolla . . . . . 4. *Common W.*

1. **One-flowered Wintergreen. Pyrola uniflora,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 146.)

Leaves of the *common W.*, but rather smaller. Flower rather large, always solitary on the peduncle, drooping, nearly white, and very fragrant; the petals ovate, slightly connected at the base. The pores of the anthers form little protruding tubes much more prominent than in the other species, although they are sometimes observable even in the *common W.* Style nearly straight, with a broad, 5-lobed stigma.

In woods, in northern and Arctic Europe, Asia, and America, and along the high mountain-ranges of central Europe. Very scarce in Scotland, and unknown in England or Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Larger Wintergreen. Pyrola rotundifolia,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 213.)

A larger plant than the *common W.*, with larger and whiter flowers, and the petals more spreading, but chiefly distinguished from it by the long, protruding, much curved style, usually at least twice as long as the capsule, with a much smaller stigma, with short, erect lobes.

In similar situations and with nearly the same range as the *common W.*; extending further into central Asia, but not so frequent in Europe, and rare in Britain. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Intermediate Wintergreen. Pyrola media,** Swartz.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1945.)

Perhaps a mere variety of the *common W.*, and sometimes passing almost into the *larger W.* It differs from the former chiefly by the style, which is considerably longer, although nearly straight, and never so curved as in the *larger W.* The size of the flower is variable.

The geographical range and stations are the same as those of the *common W.*, but it is not near so common.

4. **Common Wintergreen. Pyrola minor,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 158; and *P. rosea*, Eng. Bot. t. 2543.)

Stock perennial, slightly creeping, retaining a few leaves during the winter intermixed with scales produced at the base of each year's shoot. Leaves on rather long stalks, collected three or four together in one or two tufts at the top of the stock, broadly ovate or orbicular, rather thick, entire or slightly crenated, with a minute tooth or gland in each notch, scarcely visible without a glass. Pedunele erect, from 4 or 5 inches to twice that height, leafless or with one or two small scales. Flowers drooping, in a short, loose raceme, not turned to one side as in the following species, each one in the axil of a small, narrow bract. Sepals short and broad. Petals ovate or orbicular, quite free, but concave and closing over the stamens, usually of a pale pink. Stamens shorter than the corolla. Style scarcely protruding or even shorter than the corolla, straight or nearly so, with a broad, 5-lobed, spreading stigma.

In woods and moist shady places, in Europe, northern Asia, and the extreme north of America, becoming a mountain plant in southern Europe and the Caucasus. Frequent in Scotland, northern England, and Ireland, more local in southern England. *Fl. summer.*

5. **Serrated Wintergreen. Pyrola secunda,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 517.)

Leaves ovate, more pointed, and often more distinctly toothed and more prominently veined than in the *common W.* Flowers smaller, and more numerous and crowded, and all remarkably turned to one side. Sepals very small. Petals free, of a greenish white. Style long and nearly straight.

The geographical range is nearly that of the *common W.*, but it is more local, and generally more northern or more alpine, being rarely found in central and southern Europe out of the higher mountain-ranges. In Britain, only in Scotland and northern England, and very rarely in Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

IX. **MONOTROPE.** MONOTROPA.

Simple, erect, rather succulent herbs, of a pale brown or yellowish colour, leafless with the exception of small scales of the colour of the stem, resembling *Broomrapes*, and probably parasitical on the roots of trees. Sepals 4 or 5, free or united at the base. Petals as many, free or united at the base. Stamens twice as many. Anthers opening by transverse slits or valves, not by pores as in the rest of the family. Capsule of 4 or 5 cells, opening by slits opposite the middle of the cells. Style single, with a broad terminal stigma.

A genus of very few species, inhabiting the woods of Europe, Asia, and America, obviously allied to *Wintergreen*, but readily distinguished by the want of green leaves. As in the case of *Wintergreen*, it has been divided into almost as many genera as there are species.

1. **Common Monotrope. Monotropa Hypopitys,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 69. *Yellow Bird's-nest.*)

Stem about 6 or 8 inches high, often rather downy in the upper part, bearing oblong or ovate concave scales instead of leaves. Flowers few, in a short terminal raceme. Sepals and petals nearly of the same size, ovate or oblong, glabrous or slightly downy inside, persisting round the capsule. Anthers small, on slender filaments, opening by transverse valves. The terminal flower has its parts in fours, the lateral ones in fives. The whole plant is of a pale yellowish-brown colour, turning black in drying.

In Fir, Birch, and Beech woods, in Europe and all across Russian Asia and North America, becoming a mountain plant in southern Europe, but extends neither to high northern latitudes nor to great elevations in the Alps. Scattered over nearly the whole of England and Ireland, but only found in some of the southern counties of Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

XLV. **THE PRIMROSE FAMILY.** PRIMULACEÆ.

Herbs, with leaves undivided except when under water; the flowers either axillary or in terminal racemes or umbels. Calyx usually of 5, sometimes 4, 6, or 7 divisions or teeth. Corolla regular, more or less deeply divided into as many lobes or teeth as divisions of the calyx, or rarely wanting. Stamens as many as the lobes of the corolla, inserted in the tube opposite the centre of the lobes, or where there is no corolla, alternating with the lobes of the calyx. Capsule single, 1-celled, containing several seeds attached to or immersed in a free central placenta, which is often thick and globular. Style single, with a capitate stigma.

A widely spread family, inhabiting chiefly the northern hemisphere, and especially high mountains, often at very great elevations. A few species reappear in the Antarctic regions, and even within the tropics, but the group is there represented chiefly by the *Myrsinaceæ*, which scarcely differ, except in their arborescous or shrubby growth. Both these families are chiefly distin-

guished from other regular-flowered *Monopetals* by the stamens being opposite to, not alternate with, the lobes of the corolla. This character requires some care in observing it, especially in those species of *Lysimachia* which have a deeply divided, rotate corolla, and the stamens erect in the centre of the flower.

Aquatic plant, with the leaves all submerged and pinnate, with linear lobes . . . . . 1. HOTTONIA.
Terrestrial plants, leaves undivided.
Leaves all opposite or whorled. Flowers axillary or rarely terminal.
Stamens and divisions of the flower in fours . . . . . 8. CENTUNCULE.
Stamens and divisions of the flower in fives.
No corolla. Calyx pinkish . . . . . 6. GLAUX.
Both calyx and corolla.
Capsule opening at the top. Flowers yellow . . . . . 4. LYSIMACHIA.
Capsule opening transversely. Flowers blue or red . . . 7. PIMPERNEL.
Leaves alternate or radical, or the upper ones irregularly whorled. Flowers terminal.
Leaves all radical. Flowers solitary or umbellate, on radical peduncles. Tube of the corolla distinct.
Tube of the corolla cylindrical, lobes spreading. No tubers . 2. PRIMROSE.
Tube of the corolla nearly globular, lobes reflexed. Rootstock tuberous . . . . . 3. CYCLAMEN.
Stem leafy.
Leaves in one terminal whorl, with a few alternate ones below.
Peduncles few, terminal, one-flowered. Corolla rotate . 5. TRIENTALE.
Leaves all alternate. Flowers small; white, in a terminal raceme 9. SAMOLE.

The *Dodecatheon*, or *American Cowslip* of our gardens, belongs also to the *Primrose* family. The allied family of *Myrsinaceæ*, mentioned above, is represented in our planthouses by a species of *Ardisia*.

I. **HOTTONIA.** HOTTONIA.

Aquatic herbs, with submerged, pinnatifid leaves, and flowers in whorls forming a terminal raceme; differing from *Primrose* in the more deeply divided calyx, and in the capsule, which opens by lateral slits instead of terminal teeth.

Besides our own species, the genus only comprises a single North American one.

1. **Water Hottonia. Hottonia palustris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 364. *Water Violet. Featherfoil.*)

Stock perennial and creeping, with whorled leafy branches entirely submerged; the leaves alternate and deeply pinnatifid, with narrow-linear lobes. From the centre of the whorl a single, erect, leafless flower-stem arises out of the water, bearing at intervals whorls of from 3 to 5 or 6 handsome, pale-purple flowers, on short pedicels, each with a small bract at its base. Calyx of 5 deep, linear divisions. Corolla with a straight tube, rather shorter or scarcely longer than the calyx, and a broad, 5-lobed limb.

In pools and channels, in central and northern Europe, but not extending to the Aretic Circle. Very local in western England and in Ireland, more common in the central and eastern districts, and not found in Scotland. *Fl. early summer.*

II. **PRIMROSE.** PRIMULA.

Herbs, with radical leaves; the flowers either solitary or in a terminal umbel, on leafless, radical peduncles. Calyx tubular or campanulate, with 5 teeth or lobes not reaching to the base. Corolla with a straight tube, and

a spreading, 5-lobed limb, each lobe often notched or 2-cleft. Capsule opening at the top in 5 teeth.

A genus widely spread in Europe and northern and central Asia, containing many alpine species, one of which reappears in Antarctic America.

Leaves rather large, wrinkled, light green. Lobes of the corolla slightly notched . . . . . 1. *Common P.*
Peduncles apparently radical, and one-flowered . . . . . *Var.* a. *Primrose.*
Peduncles bearing an umbel of several flowers.
Limb of the corolla small and concave . . . . . *Var.* b. *Cowslip.*
Limb of the corolla broad and flat . . . . . *Var.* c. *Oxlip.*
Leaves small, not wrinkled, covered underneath as well as the calyx with a white meal. Corolla small, the lobes deeply notched . . 2. *Mealy P.*

1. Common Primrose. Primula veris, Linn.

Stock perennial and tufted. Leaves ovate or oblong, usually about 3 inches long, of a pale green, slightly toothed and much wrinkled. Calyx tubular, half an inch or rather more in length. Corolla usually yellow or straw-coloured; the tube nearly as long or longer than the calyx; the limb deeply 5-lobed, each lobe shortly notched. Stamens included in the tube.

In meadows, open woods, and hedge-banks, in Europe and Russian Asia. *Fl. spring.* It occurs commonly in three different forms, originally united by Linnæus under one botanical species, but since his days considered by most botanists as so many distinct and constant species, although more recent investigation has shown that Linnæus's views were correct. The *Polyanthuses* of our gardens are cultivated varieties of the same species. The three indigenous races are:

a. The *Primrose* (*P. vulgaris*, Eng. Bot. t. 4). More or less hairy. Peduncles apparently all radical, as long as the leaves, each bearing a single large flower, with a broad flat limb. Calyx-teeth narrow and pointed. If closely examined the peduncles will, however, be seen really to spring from an umbel, of which the common stalk is so short as to be concealed by the base of the leaves.—On hedge-banks and in rather open woods; particularly abundant in Britain, and extends over central Europe and some mountainous districts of southern Europe, wanting in north-eastern Europe, and not recorded from the Altai or from Siberia.

b. The *Cowslip* (*P. veris*, Eng. Bot. t. 5). Not hairy, but often covered with a minute, pale down. Flower-stalks rising above the leaves, bearing an umbel of flowers. Calyx-teeth usually broad and obtuse. Corolla with a concave or cup-shaped limb, very much smaller than in the *Primrose*, but varying in size.—In rather dry meadows and pastures, abundant over nearly the whole of Europe and Russian Asia to the Caucasus and Altai, and extending much further over southern Europe than the other varieties. Not however an Arctic plant, and, in Britain, not so common in Scotland as in England.

c. The *Oxlip* (*P. elatior*, Eng. Bot. t. 513), including all the intermediate forms which have the limb of the corolla broader and flatter than in the *Cowslip*, but the flowers in an umbel raised above the ground, and usually above the leaves, on a common peduncle. Calyx and hairiness partaking sometimes of those of the *Primrose*, sometimes of the *Cowslip*.—Usually in moister and more luxuriant meadows and pastures than the *Cowslip*, in less shady situations than the *Primrose*, but frequently intermixed with either or with both, and passing gradually into the one or the other. Geographical range nearly that of the *Cowslip*, but much less abundant, except in some parts of central Europe.

2. **Mealy Primrose. Primula farinosa,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 6.)

Stock tufted as in the last, but the leaves much smaller, often not an inch long, glabrous above, and usually covered underneath with a white, mealy, minute down, also observable on the peduncle and calyx, and only disappearing on a few very luxuriant specimens grown in the shade. Peduncle much larger than the leaves, with a compact umbel of small, pale-lilac flowers, with a yellow eye; the lobes of the corolla rather narrow, and deeply notched.

In mountain pastures, in all the great mountain-ranges of Europe and Asia, penetrating far into the Arctic regions, and reappearing in Antarctic America. Not uncommon in northern England, and, although more rare in Scotland, it is found even in the extreme north, but not recorded from Ireland. Specimens from northern Scotland, with broader leaves, and shorter and broader lobes to the corolla, have been distinguished under the name of the *Scotch P.* (*P. scotica*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2608).

III. **CYCLAMEN.** CYCLAMEN.

Perennial, with a globular, tuberous rootstock, and radical leaves, and one-flowered peduncles. Calyx 5-lobed. Corolla with a campanulate tube, and 5 lobes closely reflexed over the calyx. Capsule globular, opening in 5 valves.

A very distinct genus, comprising but few species, from southern Europe and western Asia.

1. **Common Cyclamen. Cyclamen europæum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 548. *C. hederæfolium*, Brit. Fl.)

Rootstock forming a tuber, varying from ½ to near 2 inches diameter, according to age and station. Leaves on long stalks, heart-shaped, more or less angular and toothed; often of a purple or violet colour underneath. Peduncles radical, spirally rolled inwards after flowering, so as to bury the capsules in the earth. Flower rather large, white or rose-coloured, fragrant or scentless, drooping from the summit of the peduncle, with the oval or oblong lobes of the corolla turned upwards.

In woods, on banks, and under rocks, in southern Europe and western Asia, and, having been long cultivated in flower-gardens, has established itself in a few localities in southern and eastern England. *Fl. autumn.* In its native country it varies much in foliage, in the precise shape of the orifice of the tube and of the lobes of the corolla, as well as in the time of flowering; and it is believed that two at least of the supposed species founded upon these differences, have been gathered in England apparently wild. Between ten and twenty forms, mostly varieties of the *common C.*, are in cultivation.

IV. **LYSIMACHIA.** LYSIMACHIA.

Perennials, with erect or trailing stems, opposite or whorled leaves; the flowers usually yellow, either solitary on axillary pedicels or collected in terminal racemes or clusters. Calyx deeply 5-cleft. Corolla rotate or campa-

nulate, deeply 5-lobed. Stamens 5. Capsule opening in 5 or 10 valves. Occasionally the parts of the flower are in sixes instead of fives.

A considerable genus, spread over the northern hemisphere in Europe, Asia, and America.

Stems erect. Peduncles many-flowered.
Leaves ovate-lanceolate. Flowers in short terminal panicles. Lobes of the corolla broad . . . . . 1. *Common L.*
Leaves lanceolate. Flowers in axillary racemes. Lobes of the corolla narrow and short . . . . . 2. *Tufted L.*
Stems procumbent or trailing. Peduncles 1-flowered, axillary.
Flowers small, rotate. Calyx-segments very narrow . . . . . 4. *Wood L.*
Flowers large, almost campanulate. Calyx-segments broad . . . 3. *Moneywort L.*

Besides the above, the *fringed L.* (*L. ciliata*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2922), a North American species, has been gathered apparently wild in Cumberland and near Dumbarton. It is an erect plant, like the *common L.*, but with fewer flowers on longer pedicels, the corolla more rotate and paler coloured, fringed at the edge, and the stamens free and spreading.

1. **Common Lysimachia. Lysimachia vulgaris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 761. *Loosestrife.*)

Stem erect, branched, 2 to 3 feet high, and more or less downy. Leaves usually in whorls of 3 or 4, rather large, broadly lanceolate or nearly ovate. Flowers in short, compound racemes or panicles, in the upper axils and at the summit of the branches, forming a terminal, leafy panicle. Segments of the calyx lanceolate and pointed, varying much in breadth, and more or less ciliate on the edges. Corolla yellow, rather campanulate than rotate, deeply divided into 5 broad lobes. Stamens connected at the base into a cup enclosing the ovary.

On shady banks, and along streams, in Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean and the Caucasus to the Arctic Circle, and reappearing in Australia. Frequent in England and Ireland, but less so in Scotland. *Fl. summer, rather late.* The *spotted L.* (*L. punctata*) is a marked variety of this species, not uncommon in Germany and south-eastern Europe, and occurring, mixed with the common form, in north-western England and south-western Scotland. It has the pedicels usually 1-flowered in the axils of the stem-leaves, the sepals rather narrower, and the lobes of the corolla fringed with minute glandular hairs; but none of these characters are constant.

2. **Tufted Lysimachia. Lysimachia thyrsiflora,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 176.)

Stem erect, simple, 1 to 2 feet high, sometimes slightly downy. Leaves sessile, lanceolate, 2 to 3 inches long. Flowers small and yellow, in dense axillary racemes, more or less peduncular, but always shorter than the leaves. Sepals and petals narrow, the stamens and styles very prominent, and all the parts of the flower as often in sixes as in fives.

On wet banks, and along streams, in central and northern Europe, and northern Asia and America, extending to the Arctic Circle. Very local in Britain, and chiefly in northern England and central Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Moneywort Lysimachia. Lysimachia nummularia,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 528.)

Stems prostrate, trailing to the length of 1 or 2 feet, often rooting at the

nodes. Leaves opposite, broadly ovate or rounded, very obtuse, on short stalks. Flowers yellow, large and handsome, on axillary peduncles, not so long as the leaves; the divisions of the calyx broadly ovate and pointed; the corolla concave, deeply divided into 5 ovate lobes. Stamens erect in the centre, with the filaments slightly connected at the base.

On banks, under hedges, and in moist pastures, all over Europe, except the extreme north, and eastward to the Caucasus. Common in England, extending apparently to the southern counties of Scotland, rare in Ireland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

4. **Wood Lysimachia. Lysimachia nemorum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 527.)

A procumbent plant, with the habit and rotate corolla of the *common Pimpernel*, but with the yellow flowers and the capsule of a *Lysimachia*. Stem slender, often rooting at the base, 6 inches to a foot long. Leaves opposite, broadly ovate, on short stalks. Pedicels slender, axillary, rather longer than the leaves, each with a single, rather small flower. Calyx-segments narrow and pointed. Corolla rotate, of a bright yellow. Stamens quite free, with slender filaments. As the capsule ripens, the pedicels roll round, as in the *field Pimpernel*.

In woods and shady places, not uncommon in western Europe, extending far northward in Scandinavia, and eastward through central Europe to Transylvania. Generally distributed over Britain. *Fl. all summer.*

V. **TRIENTALE.** TRIENTALIS.

A single species, only distinguished from *Lysimachia* by a somewhat different habit, and by the parts of the flower being usually in sevens instead of in fives, although these numbers are not quite constant.

1. **Common Trientale. Trientalis europæa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 15.)

Rootstock perennial and slightly creeping. Stems erect, simple, 3 to 6 inches high, bearing at the top a tuft or irregular whorl of 5 or 6 leaves, varying from obovate to lanceolate, usually pointed, the largest near 2 inches long, with 2 or 3 small alternate leaves below the whorl. From the centre of the leaves arise from 1 to 4 slender pedicels, about as long as the leaves, each terminated by a single flower, white or pale pink, with a yellow ring, rather larger than in the *wood Lysimachia*. Calyx-segments narrow. Corolla rotate. Stamens with slender filaments, and short, recurved anthers.

In woods, in northern and Arctic Europe, Asia, and America, reappearing here and there in mountain woods of central Europe. Common in the Scotch Highlands, more rare in the north of England, and unknown in Ireland. *Fl. early summer.*

VI. **GLAUX.** GLAUX.

A single species, distinguished from all *Primulaceæ* by the absence of any real corolla, the coloured campanulate calyx assuming the appearance of one, the stamens alternating with its lobes. Capsule opening in 4 valves.

1. Sea Glaux. **Glaux maritima,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 13. *Sea Milkwort. Black Saltwort.*)

A low, decumbent, branching perennial, glabrous and often slightly sueculent, from 3 to 4 or 5 rarely 6 inches high, with a more or less creeping rootstock. Leaves small, mostly opposite, sessile, ovate or oblong, and entire. Flowers of a pale pink colour, not 2 lines long. Calyx deeply 5-lobed. Stamens about the same length, with slender filaments and small anthers.

On sands, salt-marshes, and muddy places, near the sea, in Europe, northern Asia, and America, extending to the salt tracts and inland seas of central Asia. Common on the British coasts. *Fl. summer.*

VII. **PIMPERNEL.** ANAGALLIS.

Procumbent or creeping herbs, with opposite leaves, and opposite axillary flowers on slender pedicels. Calyx deeply cleft into 5 narrow segments. Corolla 5-cleft, rotate or campanulate. Stamens 5. Capsule opening transversely by a circular fissure across the middle.

A small genus, chiefly from the Mediterranean region and central Asia, with one South American species.

Annual. Corolla rotate, blue or red . . . . . 1. *Common P.*
Perennial. Corolla campanulate, of a delicate pale pink . . . . . 2. *Bog P.*

1. Common Pimpernel. **Anagallis arvensis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 529. *Shepherd's Weather-glass.*)

A neat, much branched, procumbent annual, 6 inches to near a foot long, with opposite, broadly ovate, sessile, and entire leaves. Pedicels considerably longer than the leaves, and rolled back as the capsule ripens. Calyx-divisions pointed. Corolla rotate, usually of a bright red within, but occasionally pale pink, or white, or bright blue.

A very common weed of cultivation, in cornfields, gardens, waste places, etc., all over Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, and has accompanied man in his migrations over a great part of the globe. *Fl. the whole season.* The blue variety, by some ranked as a species (*A. cærulea*, Eng. Bot. t. 1823), is as common in central and southern Europe as the red one, but with us it is rare.

2. Bog Pimpernel. **Anagallis tenella,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 530.)

A delicate, slender, creeping perennial, only a few inches long, with very small, orbicular, opposite leaves. Flowers very elegant, of a pale pink, on long, slender pedicels. Segments of the calyx pointed but short. Corolla narrow-campanulate, of a very delicate texture, and deeply 5-cleft. Stamens erect in the centre, with very woolly filaments.

On wet, mossy banks, and bogs, chiefly along rivulets, throughout western Europe, extending eastward to north-western Germany, Tyrol, and here and there round the Mediterranean. Spread over the greater part of Britain but chiefly in the west, from Cornwall to Shetland, and in Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

VIII. **CENTUNCULE.** CENTUNCULUS.

Small, slender annuals, with minute axillary flowers, differing from *Pimpernel* in their alternate leaves, and in the parts of the flower being in fours instead of in fives.

Besides our own species, the genus contains but very few, all from America.

1. **Small Centuncule. Centunculus minimus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 531. *Chaffweed.*)

Stem often under an inch and seldom 3 inches high, branched at the base only. Leaves ovate, 1 to 2 lines long. Flowers almost sessile, shorter than the leaves. Calyx-divisions linear. Corolla pink, very minute. Capsule opening transversely as in *Pimpernel.*

In moist, sandy or gravelly places, ranging over Europe, Russian Asia, northern and even tropical America, but everywhere thinly scattered or frequently overlooked. Indicated in several localities in England, southern Scotland, and Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

IX. **SAMOLE.** SAMOLUS.

Herbs, with alternate leaves and flowers, in terminal racemes. Calyx campanulate, partially adhering to the base of the ovary, with 5 teeth or lobes. Corolla with a short tube, 5 spreading lobes, and a small scale between each lobe, alternating with the stamens. Capsule inferior, opening in 5 valves.

A small genus, belonging, with the exception of our own species, exclusively to the southern hemisphere.

1. **Brookweed Samole. Samolus Valerandi,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 703. *Brookweed.*)

A glabrous, bright green annual or perennial, with a tuft of obovate and spreading radical leaves. Flowering stems 3 or 4 inches to near a foot high, slightly branched, bearing a few obovate or oblong leaves, and loose racemes of small white flowers. Pedicels rather long, with a green bract a little above the middle. Capsules small, globular, crowned by the short, broad teeth of the calyx.

Generally diffused over all parts of the world, most abundant in maritime sands and marshes, but in many countries found also far inland. In Britain, almost always near the sea, and chiefly along the west coast. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

XLVI. THE PINGUICULA FAMILY. LENTIBULACEÆ.

Marsh or aquatic plants, with radical or floating leaves (or sometimes none), and very irregular flowers, either solitary or several in a raceme, on leafless, radical or terminal peduncles. Calyx variously divided. Corolla 2-lipped, projecting at the base into a pouch or spur. Stamens 2. Ovary and capsule 1-celled, with several seeds attached to a central placenta.

A family of very few genera, dispersed over the greater part of the globe. Their spurred flowers have a general resemblance to those of *Linaria* in the *Scrophularia* family, next to which they might perhaps be better placed, although the ovary and capsule are those of the *Primrose* family, with which botanists more generally associate them.

Calyx 4- or 5-lobed. Leaves entire, radical . . . . . 1. Butterwort.
Calyx 2-lobed. Leaves floating, much divided . . . . . 2. Bladderwort.

I. **BUTTERWORT.** PINGUICULA.

Plants growing in bogs or on wet rocks, with radical, entire leaves, and yellow or purple flowers, on leafless radical peduncles. Calyx with 4 or 5 teeth or lobes, arranged in two lips. Corolla spurred, with a broad, open mouth; the upper lip short, broad, and 2-lobed; the lower one much longer, broadly 3-lobed. Capsule opening in 2 or 4 valves.

The genus is limited to the northern hemisphere.

Flowers violet-purple, often large. Spur long, slender, and nearly straight . . . . . 1. *Common B.*
Flowers yellow or pale-coloured. Spur small, conical or curved.
Spur very short, nearly straight. Middle lobe of the lower lip of the corolla much longer than the others. Upper lip short . . 2. *Alpine B.*
Spur curved. Lobes of the lower lip of the corolla nearly equal, and scarcely longer than the upper lip . . . . . 3. *Pale B.*

1. **Common Butterwort. Pinguicula vulgaris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 70.)

Leaves spreading, ovate or broadly oblong, of a light green, somewhat succulent, and covered with little crystalline points, which give them a wet, clammy appearance. Flower-stalks 3 to 5 inches high, with a single handsome, bluish-purple flower; the broad, campanulate throat of the corolla attached laterally to the receptacle, and projected below into a slender spur about its own length; the lobes broad, the 2 upper ones (next the calyx) considerably shorter than the 3 lower ones. Capsule ovate, longer than the calyx.

Along mountain rills and on wet rocks, in northern Europe, all round the Arctic Circle, and along the mountain-ranges of central and southern Europe and Russian Asia. In Britain, chiefly in the western hilly districts of England and Scotland, and in Ireland. *Fl. summer, commencing very early.* A large-flowered and very handsome variety, with broader lobes to the corolla, (*P. grandiflora*, Eng. Bot. t. 2184) occurs in the bogs of south-western Ireland, and here and there in the western parts of the continent of Europe, where however it passes gradually into the commoner form.

2. **Alpine Butterwort. Pinguicula alpina,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2747.)

Generally a smaller plant than the *common B.*, with much smaller flowers, of a pale yellow or slightly purplish colour. The spur is short and obtuse, the lobes of the corolla unequal and broad, the middle one of the lower lip much longer and broader than the two lateral ones.

A very northern or high alpine plant, common in the Arctic regions of Europe and Asia, and along the higher ranges of central Europe and Russian Asia. In Britain it has only been found in the extreme north of Scotland. *Fl. early summer.*

3. **Pale Butterwort. Pinguicula lusitanica,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 145.)

Leaves of the *common B.*, but usually smaller. Peduncles very slender, with a pale yellow flower, tinged with lilac, still smaller than in the *alpine B.;* the spur always much curved, rather larger in proportion than in the *alpine B.*, but much shorter than in the *common B.;* the lips of the corolla nearly equal in length, and the lobes of the lower one almost equal in breadth. Capsule globular.

A west European plant, common in the bogs of Portugal and western Spain, and France, and extending to Ireland, the south and south-west of England, and west of Scotland. *Fl. all summer.*

II. **BLADDERWORT.** UTRICULARIA.

Some exotic species are marsh plants, either leafless or with entire radical leaves and 1-flowered peduncles; the European ones are all floating plants, without real roots at the time of flowering, but with long, root-like, capillary branches or rootstocks, all submerged; their leaves divided into short capillary segments, interspersed with little bladders or vesicles, full of air. Flowers in a termiual raeeme, ou a leafless flower-stem arising out of the water from a tuft of the floatiug branches. Calyx deeply 2-lobed. Corolla spurred as in *Butterwort*, but the mouth is closed or nearly so by the convex palate, the lobes of the lips being turned back. Capsule globular, opening in 2 valves.

A considerable genus, dispersed over nearly the whole world.

Flowers of a rich yellow, about 6 to 8 lines long. Spur conical . . . . 1. *Common B.*
Flowers of a pale yellow, not 4 lines long. Spur very short . . . . . 2. *Lesser B.*

1. **Common Bladderwort. Utricularia vulgaris,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 253.)

The root-like floating branches often extend to a length of 6 inches to a foot or more, bearing numerous capillary, much divided leaves, from ½ to 1 inch long, and more or less interspersed with little green vesicles. Flower-stems 6 to 8 inches high, bearing a few rather large yellow flowers. Bracts at the base of the pedicels, and lobes of the calyx, broad and thin. Corolla with a short, conical, more or less curved spur, and a broad, convex palate; the upper lip very short, scarcely projecting beyond the palate; the lower lip much longer, thrown back from the palate; the lateral lobes turned downwards.

In deep pools, and water-channels, in Europe, Asia, and America, from the Arctic Circle to the tropics. Widely distributed over Britain, although not a common plant. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Lesser Bladderwort. Utricularia minor,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 254.)

Differs chiefly from the *common B.* in the small size of all its parts. The floating branches are very slender, those of the flowering plant usually 2 or 3 inches long, but when barren often longer, and intricately branched; the leaves small, very fine, with few forked lobes, and seldom more than 1 or 2 bladders to each, or often without any. Flowers scarcely more than half the size of those of the *common B.*, of a pale yellow, with the lower lip much flatter; the spur usually reduced to a short, broad protuberance.

Appears to be as widely spread over northern and central Europe, Russian Asia, and northern America as the *common B.*, but not extending so far to the southward. Rather common in Ireland and Scotland, less so in England. *Fl. summer.* A third species is usually described under the name of the *intermediate B.* (*U. intermedia*), in which some of the floating branches bear crowded, short, but much branched leaves without vesicles, whilst others have either vesicles only, or rather short, simple or once forked leaves with a single vesicle, and the flower is rather larger than that of the *lesser B.*, with a prominent spur. But the British plants which I have seen as such, have appeared to me to be barren specimens of the *lesser B.*, and it is very doubtful whether the Continental one be not a mere variety of the same species. The plate in 'English Botany,' t. 2489, is taken from a barren British specimen, with a flower copied from a foreign plate.

XLVII. THE HOLLY FAMILY. AQUIFOLIACEÆ.

A small Order, widely spread over the globe, limited in Britain to a single genus, from which the few exotic ones differ slightly in the number of parts of the flower and fruit. They all nearly approach the *Celastrus* family, but have the petals usually united into a monopetalous corolla, and the stamens inserted on its base, without any fleshy disk round the ovary.

I. HOLLY. ILEX.

Shrubs or trees, with alternate leaves, and small flowers in axillary clusters. Calyx of 4 or rarely 5 small teeth. Corolla regular, deeply divided into as many segments or petals. Stamens as many, inserted on the corolla, and alternating with its segments. Ovary sessile, 4-celled, with one pendulous ovule in each cell, and crowned by 4 minute sessile stigmas. Fruit a berry, or rather a small drupe, including 4 stones or nuts, each containing a single seed.

The species are numerous in the warmer parts of the northern hemisphere, as well as in the tropics, but reduced to very few in the more temperate regions.

1. Common Holly. Ilex Aquifolium, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 496.)

An erect, much branched evergreen shrub or bushy tree; the leaves shortly stalked, ovate, thick and shining, some quite entire, others much waved, and bordered with strong, very prickly, coarse teeth. Flowers white, in dense clusters in the axils of the leaves. Berries bright red or yellow.

Common in hedges and woods in western and southern Europe, and in central Asia, from the Caucasus to the Himalaya, but will not bear the winters of north-eastern Europe or northern Asia. Extends all over Britain, except the north-east of Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

The *Snowdrop-tree* (*Halesia*) from North America, and the *Styrax* from south-eastern Europe and western Asia, both occasionally to be met with in

our shrubberies and plantations, belong to the small *Styrax* family, which is entirely exotic. It consists of trees and shrubs, with the calyx often partially adherent to the ovary, the corolla monopetalous, and stamens, although inserted on the corolla, usually more or less united together.

XLVIII. THE JESSAMINE FAMILY. JASMINACEÆ.

Trees, shrubs, or tall climbers, with opposite (or in a very few exotic species alternate) leaves, entire or pinnate, and flowers usually in terminal panicles or clusters. Calyx and corolla regular, each of 4 or 5 divisions, or in a few species entirely deficient. Stamens 2. Ovary and fruit 2-celled, each cell containing 1 or 2 seeds.

An Order widely spread over nearly the whole of the globe, readily known by the two stamens inserted at the base of the corolla, without reference to the number of its divisions. It is commonly divided into two: —the *Olive tribe*, with the divisions of the corolla 4 or 2, and valvate in the bud, which comprises the two British genera, as well as the *Olive* (*Olea*) and the *Lilac* (*Syringa*), *Filarea* (*Phillyrea*), *Chionanthus*, and *Forsythia* of our shrubberies; and the true *Jessamine tribe*, consisting of *Jessamine* and some other small exotic genera, which have 5 or more divisions to the corolla, overlapping each other and obliquely twisted in the bud. The seeds also have usually a considerable albumen in the one tribe and little or none in the other, but this difference is not constant.

Trees, with pinnate leaves, and a dry, oblong, linear fruit . . . . . 1. Ash.
Shrubs, with simple leaves, and a berry . . . . . 2. Privet.

I. ASH. FRAXINUS.

Trees, with pinnate leaves, and a dry fruit produced at the top into an oblong, rather firm wing, and divided at the base into two cells, each containing a single seed. Calyx and corolla either none, or in some exotic species 4-lobed.

A small genus, limited to the northern hemisphere, without the tropics.

1. Common Ash. *Fraxinus excelsior*, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1692.)

A tall, handsome tree, with opposite, deciduous, pinnate leaves, consisting of from 7 to 11 ovate-lanceolate, toothed segments. The flowers open before the leaves, and appear at first sight like clusters of stamens issuing from opposite buds along the last year's shoots, each cluster surrounded by a few small, woolly scales. On examination it will be found to consist of a number of pedicels, arranged in a short raceme, each pedicel bearing a pair of sessile anthers, with an ovary in the middle, ending in a straight style with a thickened stigma. The capsules, commonly called keys, are, including the wing, about an inch and a half long.

In woods, throughout temperate Europe and western Asia, extending northwards into Scandinavia, but generally replaced in southern Europe by a closely allied but perhaps distinct species.

Common in Britain, and truly wild excepting in the northern parts of

Scotland, where, however, it bears the climate in plantations. *Fl. summer.* A garden variety has been described as a distinct British species, under the name of *F. heterophylla* (Eng. Bot. t. 2476), and several American species are occasionally to be met with in our plantations.

II. **PRIVET.** LIGUSTRUM.

Shrubs, with opposite, simple leaves, and small white flowers. Calyx slightly 4-toothed. Corolla 4-lobed, with a short tube. Stamens short. Fruit a berry, with 2 cells and 1 or 2 seeds in each.

Besides our own, the genus contains but a small number of species, chiefly from eastern Asia, some of which are in cultivation in our gardens.

1. **Common Privet. Ligustrum vulgare,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 764.)

A shrub, attaining 6 to 8 feet in height, with long, slender branches. Leaves nearly evergreen, lanceolate or oblong, quite entire, and shortly stalked. Flowers in short, compact panicles at the ends of the branches. Berries black, globular or somewhat ovoid.

In hedges and thickets, over the greater part of Europe and western Asia, penetrating far into Scandinavia, but so much planted in hedges and ornamental shrubberies that its natural limits cannot well be traced. In Britain, common in southern England and Ireland, and has been considered as truly wild as far north as Durham and Yorkshire. *Fl. summer.*

XLIX. THE PERIWINKLE FAMILY. APOCYNACEÆ.

A large tropical Order, distinguished from the *Gentian* family chiefly by the ovary completely divided into 2 cells, or more frequently into 2 distinct carpels, whilst the style, or at least the stigma, is entire.

It is limited in Britain to the single species *Periwinkle,* but is represented in our plantbouses by the *Oleander* (*Nerium*) from southern Europe, the *Allamandas*, *Dipladenias*, etc., from South America, *Mandevilla*, and others, from tropical Asia. Tbe closely allied *Asclepias* family, which is entirely exotic, but includes the *Periploca*, *Stapelias*, *Hoyas*, *Stephanotus*, etc., of our gardens and planthouses, differs chiefly iu the curious manner in which the anthers are connected with the stigma.

I. **PERIWINKLE.** VINCA.

Herbs, with opposite, entire leaves, and blue, pink, or white flowers, growing singly on axillary peduncles. Calyx free, deeply divided into 5 narrow divisions. Corolla with a cylindrical or almost campanulate tube, and a flat, spreading limb, with 5 broad, oblique segments, twisted in the bud. Stamens 5, enclosed in the tube. Ovaries 2, distinct at the base but connected at tbe top by a single style, terminating in an oblong stigma, contracted in the middle. Fruit consisting of 2 oblong or elongated capsules or *follicles*, each of a single cell, of a greenish colour, diverging as they

ripen, and opening by a longitudinal slit on the inner side. Seeds several, without the seed-down of many exotic genera of the Order.

Leaves broadly ovate, and segments of the calyx ciliate on their margins. Flowers large . . . . . 1. *Larger P.*
Leaves narrow-ovate, and calyxes quite glabrous. Flowers small . . 2. *Lesser P.*

The *V. rosea*, a tropical species with erect stems, is often cultivated in our hothouses.

1. **Larger Periwinkle. Vinca major,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 514.)

A perennial, with a creeping rootstock, long, trailing barren shoots, and nearly erect, simple flowering stems, about a foot high. Leaves broadly ovate, evergreen, and shining, but bordered by minute hairs. Pedicels shorter than the leaves. Calyx-segments narrow, ciliate on the edges. Corolla large, blue; the tube broad, almost bell-shaped, though slightly contracted at the mouth; the lobes broad, almost angular.

In woods and shady banks, in south-central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, but, having been long cultivated for ornament, and spreading with great rapidity by its rooting stems, it has established itself much further north, and is found apparently wild in many parts of England, where, however, it seldom, if ever, ripens its seed. *Fl. spring.*

2. **Lesser Periwinkle. Vinca minor,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 917.)

Differs from the last in its smaller size, more trailing habit, with short, erect flowering stems; in its narrower, ovate or oblong leaves, which are perfectly glabrous; in its smaller flower, with a more open tube to the corolla, and shorter and broader segments to the calyx, without any hairs.

Its geographical range is more extended than that of the *greater P.*, being undoubtedly wild much further northwards, and more abundant in England, but yet, like that species, it is probably with us an introduced, not a truly indigenous plant. *Fl. spring and summer.*

L. THE GENTIAN FAMILY. GENTIANACEÆ.

Herbs more or less bitter, usually glabrous, with the exception of a few exotic species; the leaves opposite and entire, without stipules; the flowers in terminal, dichotomous cymes or panicles, with a single flower in each fork. Calyx of 4, 5, or rarely 6 to 8 divisions. Corolla regular, with a straight or open tube, sometimes very short, and a spreading limb of as many divisions as the calyx, usually twisted in the bud. Stamens as many as the divisions of the corolla, and alternating with them. Ovary of a single cell, or partially divided into 2. Capsule opening in 2 valves, with many seeds.

A rather large and very natural Order, extending nearly all over the world, but chiefly in temperate or mountain regions, some species ascending to the utmost limits of vegetation.

Leaves opposite. Terrestrial plants.
Stamens and divisions of the corolla 4.
Flowers very small, yellow . . . . . 1. CICENDIA.
Flowers rather large, blue . . . . . *Field Gentian.*
Stamens and divisions of the corolla 5 (sometimes with 5 additional smaller lobes).
Flowers pink or red. Calyx divided to the base. Style deciduous . . . . . 2. ERYTHRÆA.
Flowers blue. Calyx not divided below the middle. Style remaining long after the flowering is over . . . . . 3. GENTIAN.
Stamens and divisions of the corolla usually 8. Corolla yellow, rotate . . . . . 4. CHLORA.
Leaves alternate. Water plants.
Leaves entire, orbicular. Flowers yellow . . . . . 6. LIMNANTH.
Leaves with 3 leaflets. Flowers white, fringed within . . . . . 5. BUCKBEAN.

I. **CICENDIA.** CICENDIA.

Very small annuals, differing from *Gentian* in their deciduous style, and from *Erythræa* in the short, broad tube of the corolla, with the parts of the flowers in fours instead of fives. The few species are all European.

Stems simple or with few erect branches. Calyx-teeth broad and short . . . . . 1. *Slender C.*
Stems much branched. Calyx-segments linear . . . . . 2. *Dwarf C.*

1. **Slender Cicendia. Cicendia filiformis,** Reichb.

(*Exacum filiforme*, Eng. Bot. t. 235.)

A slender annual, about 2 inches high, with a few pairs of small, narrow leaves, chiefly near the base of the stem, and either simple and 1-flowered or divided into 2 or 3 branches, each with a single small yellow flower. Calyx campanulate, with 4 broad, short lobes; limb of the corolla also 4-cleft. Capsule globular, 1-celled.

In moist, sandy situations, common in western France and Spain, extending northward to Denmark, and eastward in southern Europe to Sicily and some other parts of the Mediterranean. In Britain, only in the south-western counties of England. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Dwarf Cicendia. Cicendia pusilla,** Griseb.

(*C. Candollii*, Bab. Man.)

Usually a still smaller plant than the *slender C.*, and much more branched, but chiefly distinguished by its pink, white, or pale yellow flowers, with the calyx divided to the base into narrow segments, instead of the short, broad teeth of the *slender C.*

In moist, sandy situations, in France, Spain, and here and there in the west Mediterranean region, and has been found in Guernsey by Captain Gosselin (Bab. Man.). *Fl. summer.*

II. **ERYTHRÆA.** ERYTHRÆA.

Annuals, with pink, or, in some exotic species, pale yellow flowers, differing from *Gentian* by their more deeply divided calyx, their deciduous style, their anthers, which become more or less spirally twisted after shedding their pollen, and by the capsule in which the seed-bearing edges of the valves meet in the centre, so as to divide it more completely into 2 cells than in most others of the family.

1. Common Erythræa. Erythræa Centaurium, Pers.

(*Chironia*, Eng. Bot. t. 417. *Centaury.*)

An erect annual, from an inch or two to a foot high, usually much branched in the upper part. Lower leaves usually broadly ovate, forming a spreading radical tuft; the upper ones in distant pairs, varying from ovate or oblong to narrow-linear. Flowers pink or red, usually numerous, in a terminal, repeatedly-forked cyme or panicle. Calyx-segments 5, narrow-linear. Corolla with a slender tube, and a spreading, 5-cleft limb.

In dry pastures, and sandy places, on banks, roadsides, etc.; widely spread over Europe and central Asia, extending northward to south Sweden. Common in Britain, excepting in the north of Scotland, where it is almost confined to the coast. *Fl. all summer.* It varies much in the size and breadth of the foliage and flowers, and has been subdivided into 2, 3, or even 6 or 7 supposed species, which however run into one another so much that no precise limits can be assigned them. The most prominent forms or varieties in Britain are:

a. *Large-flowered E.* Tall, not much branched, with a compact cyme and large flowers; the tube of the corolla long and the lobes ovate.

b. *Common E.* (*E. pulchella*, Brit. Fl.) More branched, with numerous flowers; the tube of the corolla not much longer than the calyx, and the lobes of the limb narrow.

c. *Broad-leaved E.* (*Chironia pulchella*, Eng. Bot. t. 458, and *E. latifolia*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2719.) Including all the dwarf forms with rather large flowers and broad leaves.

d. *Linear E.* (*Chironia littoralis*, Eng. Bot. t. 2305. *E. linariifolia*, Brit. Fl.)

Much branched, usually small, with very narrow leaves and rather large flowers. The two last varieties are most frequent near the sea, where they both, as well as the small-flowered varieties, will often dwindle down to a simple stem half an inch high, with a single flower.

III. GENTIAN. GENTIANA.

Herbs, with opposite, entire leaves, and (in the British species) blue flowers, either solitary and terminal or in pyramidal or oblong panicles, the lower ones often axillary. Calyx tubular, often strongly angled, with 5, rarely 4 lobes seldom reaching below the middle. Corolla with a cylindrical or narrow-campanulate tube, and spreading limb, divided into 5 or rarely 4 lobes, and occasionally 5 additional ones in the angles. Style remaining attached to the capsule after the flower fades. Capsule 1-celled, the placentas not meeting in the centre.

A numerous genus, spread over the northern hemisphere, especially in mountainous districts, and in the higher ranges of both the new and old world, penetrating into the tropics. One very common Swiss species, as well as several other exotic ones, have yellow flowers, but blue is the prevailing colour in the genus.

Corolla fringed at the throat with long hairs.
- Calyx-lobes 4, two of them broadly ovate . . . . . 5. *Field G.*
- Calyx-lobes 5, all narrow-lanceolate or linear . . . . . 4. *Autumn G.*

Corolla not fringed at the throat.
- Stem 6 inches to a foot high. Corolla-tube above an inch long . . . 1. *Marsh G.*

Stem dwarf, seldom above 3 or 4 inches. Corolla an inch long or less, with small lobes between the larger ones.
Tufted perennial, with 1-flowered stems and a broad limb to the corolla . . . . . 2. *Spring G.*
Branched annual, with several flowers and a small limb to the corolla 3. *Small G.*

The *Gentianella* of our gardens is the *Gentiana acaulis*, a mountain species, very common in central Europe, but not a native of Britain.

1. **Marsh Gentian. Gentiana Pneumonanthe,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 20.)

Rootstock perennial. Stems simple, erect, 6 inches to a foot or more high. Lower leaves oblong-lanceolate, the upper ones nearly linear, all obtuse and rather thick. Flowers nearly sessile, in opposite pairs in the axils of the upper leaves, with a terminal one close between the last pair. Lobes of the calyx narrow. Corolla an inch and a half or more long, of a deep blue within, with 5 greenish, broad lines outside; the tube without hairs at the throat; the lobes rather short, broad and spreading.

In moist heaths and pastures, chiefly in hilly districts, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. In Britain, more frequent in northern than in central or southern England, but not a native of Scotland nor recorded from Ireland. *Fl. autumn.*

2. **Spring Gentian. Gentiana verna,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 493.)

Stock perennial and leafy, densely tufted, often spreading to 4 or 5 inches in diameter, with ovate or oblong leaves. Flower-stems simple and numerous, sometimes so short that the flowers appear sessile on the tufts of leaves, sometimes 1 or 2 inches long, bearing 1 or 2 pairs of small leaves, and a beautiful bright-blue terminal flower. Calyx very angular, with lanceolate teeth or lobes. Corolla-tube cylindrical, nearly an inch long; the limb broad and spreading, with 5 ovate lobes, and smaller 2-cleft ones between them.

One of the most common species, in mountain pastures, in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus and the Altai, but scarcely extending into northern Germany. Rare in Britain, apparently confined to a few localities in northern England and western Ireland. *Fl. spring or early summer.*

3. **Small Gentian. Gentiana nivalis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 896.)

A slender, erect, leafy annual, sometimes single-flowered and only an inch high, but more frequently 2 to 4 inches high and more or less branched; each branch bearing a single blue flower much like that of the *spring G.*, but considerably smaller. The tube of the corolla is but little more than 6 lines long, and the lobes of the limb not 2 lines, broadly ovate and pointed, with very small 2-cleft ones between them.

A high alpine plant, not uncommon in the higher mountain-ranges of central Europe as well as in the extreme north, but not recorded with any certainty as extending into central Asia. Rare in Britain, and only on a few of the higher Scotch mountains. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Autumn Gentian. Gentiana Amarella,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 236.)

An erect, much-branched annual, 3 or 4 inches to near a foot high, often assuming a livid-green or purplish tinge. Leaves ovate or lanceolate; the

flowers numerous, sometimes much crowded, sometimes forming a loose, oblong, leafy panicle of a pale purplish-blue, and varying much in size. Calyx divided to the middle into 5 narrow-lanceolate, equal or slightly unequal lobes. Corolla-tube broad, the limb spreading, divided into 5 ovate or oblong lobes, without any smaller ones between them, but furnished within-side, at the mouth of the tube, with a fringe of hairs half as long as the lobes.

In rather dry hilly pastures, in Europe and Russian Asia, extending to the Arctic Circle, but becoming rather a mountain plant in southern Europe. Diffused over the greater part of Britain. *Fl. end of summer and autumn.* The flowers (including the limb) vary with us from 6 to 9 lines in length, more rarely attaining an inch, whilst in some Continental specimens they are sometimes yet longer.

5. **Field Gentian.** **Gentiana campestris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 237.)

An erect annual, much resembling at first sight the *autumn G.*, but usually rather stouter, more branched, and more crowded with leaves and flowers, though seldom above 6 inches high; and it is easily known by the parts of the flower being in fours, not in fives, and by two of the lobes of the calyx being broadly ovate, overlapping the two other narrow ones. The blue fringe of the mouth of the corolla is very conspicuous.

In open pastures, and commons, in central and northern Europe, but not recorded from the Caucasus or eastward of the Ural. More frequent in Britain than the last species. *Fl. autumn.*

IV. **CHLORA.** CHLORA.

Glaucous annuals, with yellow flowers. Calyx deeply divided as in *Erythræa*, but into 8 lobes. Corolla-tube very short; the limb spreading, 8-lobed. Stamens 8. Style persisting on the capsule as in *Gentian.*

Besides the British species, the genus includes one or two south European ones.

1. **Perfoliate Chlora.** **Chlora perfoliata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 60. *Yellowwort.*)

An erect, rather stiff annual, 2 or 3 inches to a foot high, of a pale glaucous green. Radical leaves in a spreading tuft, those of the stem in distant pairs, broadly connected together at the base, so that the stem appears to pass through them, whence the specific name. Flowers of a bright yellow, in rather loose terminal cymes; the corolla nearly rotate.

In dry pastures, and waste places, generally confined to limestone districts, in western, central, and southern Europe to the Caucasus. In Britain, limited to the southern and central counties of England and Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

V. **BUCKBEAN.** MENYANTHES.

A single species, distinguished as a genus from *Limnanth* by its compound leaves and the capsule opening in 2 valves.

1. **Common Buckbean. Menyanthes trifoliata,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 495. *Buckbean* or *Marsh Trefoil.*)

An aquatic herb, with a creeping rootstock and densely matted roots. Stem short, creeping or floating, with a dense tuft of leaves, consisting each of a long stalk, sheathing at the base, and 3 obovate or oblong leaflets, 1 to 1½ inches long. Flowers white, tinged externally with red, in an oblong raceme, on a peduncle of 6 inches to a foot, proceeding from the base of the tuft of leaves. Calyx short, with rather broad green lobes. Corolla campanulate, deeply 5-lobed, and elegantly fringed on the inside with white filaments.

In wet bogs, and shallow ponds, in Europe, Russian Asia, and North America, extending into the Arctic regions. Diffused all over Britain. *Fl. summer, rather early.*

VI. **LIMNANTH.** LIMNANTHEMUM.

Aquatic plants, with simple, broad, floating leaves and yellow flowers. Calyx 5-cleft. Corolla nearly rotate, 5-cleft, slightly fringed withinside at the base. Capsule bursting irregularly when ripe.

A small genus, represented by some species or variety in the fresh waters of most of the temperate or tropical parts of the world.

1. **Common Limnanth. Limnanthemum nymphæoides,** Link.
(*Menyanthes*, Eng. Bot. t. 217. *Villarsia*, Brit. Fl.)

The long stems creep and root at the base, branching and ascending to the surface of the water, bearing a single leaf at each upper branch, and a terminal floating tuft of leaves and peduncles. Leaves on long stalks, and deeply cordate, like those of a *Waterlily* on a small scale. Peduncles as long as the leafstalks, each with a single, rather large, yellow flower.

In ponds and still waters, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north; extending eastward to China. Found in many English and Irish counties, but in most instances introduced as an ornamental plant. *Fl. summer.*

LI. THE POLEMONIUM FAMILY. POLEMONIACEÆ.

Herbs or rarely shrubs, the flowers usually in terminal cymes or panicles. Calyx 5-cleft or 5-toothed. Corolla regular, 5-lobed, the lobes twisted in the bud. Stamens 5, inserted in the tube, and alternating with the lobes. Ovary single, 3-celled, with several or rarely a single seed in each cell, inserted in the inner angle. Style simple, with 3 stigmatic lobes. Capsule 3-celled, opening in 3 valves by slits opposite the middle of the cells.

A small family, spread over northern Asia and America, and western South America. Besides the European genus, it includes the *Phloxes*, *Gilias*, and *Collomias* of our flower-gardens, as well as the shrubby *Cantuas* and climbing *Cobœas* of our planthouses.

I. **POLEMONIUM.** POLEMONIUM.

Herbs, with pinnate leaves, and blue or white flowers in terminal corymbs. Calyx 5-lobed. Corolla with a very short tube, and a broad, open, 5-cleft limb. Stamens obliquc, their filaments dilated into hairy scales. Capsule with several seeds.

A small genus, extending all round the northern hemisphere, chiefly at high latitudes.

1. **Blue Polemonium. Polemonium cæruleum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 14. *Greek Valerian* or *Jacob's Ladder.*)

Stock perennial, the radical leaves forming dense tufts, their common stalk 6 inches long or more, bearing from 11 to 21 lanceolate, entire segments or leaflets of a tender green. Stems erect, 1½ to 2 feet high, bearing a few smaller pinnate leaves, and a rather showy terminal corymb or panicle of flowers.

Widely diffused over the higher northern latitudes of Europe, Asia, and America, extending also into the mountain-regions of central Europe and Asia. In Britain it is found in several parts of the north of England, but has been so long cultivated in cottage-gardens, and seeds so readily, that it cannot be pronounced with any certainty to be truly indigenous. *Fl. summer.*

LII. **CONVOLVULUS FAMILY.** CONVOLVULACEÆ.

Herbs, usually twining or prostrate (rarely, in some exotic species, erect or shrubby), with alternate leaves, or leafless and parasitical; the flowers, often very showy, growing singly or several together on axillary peduncles. Calyx of 4 or 5 distinct sepals, often very unequal, Corolla usually campanulate (but varying in form in exotic species), plaited in the bud, with 4 or 5 lobes, or nearly entire. Stamens 4 or 5, attached near the base of the corolla. Ovary and capsule containing 2, 4, or 6 seeds, and often divided into 2, 3, or 4 cells, the partitions very thin, and remaining attached to the central column, and not to the valves, when the capsule bursts. Styles simple, with 2 or rarely 3 stigmatic lobes, and 2 distinct styles.

An Order rather numerous in species, and widely spread over the warmer and temperate parts of the globe. The exotic genera, *Ipomœa*, *Pharbitis*, and *Quamoclit*, recently separated from it, supply some of our most beautiful greenhouse and hothouse climbers.

Stem leafy. Corolla campanulate . . . . . 1. Convolvulus.
Stem thread-like, without leaves, parasitical on other plants. Corolla nearly globular . . . . . 2. Dodder.

I. **CONVOLVULUS.** CONVOLVULUS.

Twining or prostrate herbs (or in some exotic species erect), with alternate leaves. Sepals 5. Corolla campanulate. Style single, with 2 oblong or linear stigmatic lobes. Capsule with 4 seeds in 1 or 2 cells.

A large genus, having the geographical range of the family, but more especially abounding in the Mediterranean region.

Bracts small, and placed on the peduncle at some distance from the flower. Stigma narrow-linear . . . . . 1. *Lesser C.*
Bracts large, close under the calyx. Stigma ovate or oblong.
Stem climbing. Leaves angular at the base . . . . . 2. *Larger C.*
Stem prostrate. Leaves thick, rounded . . . . . 3. *Sea C.*

The common blue *Convolvulus minor* of our gardens (*C. tricolor* of botanists) is a south European species; the so-called *Convolvulus major* is the *Ipomœa* or *Pharbitis purpurea*, a widely spread species over the hotter parts of the world, probably of American origin.

1. **Lesser Convolvulus. Convolvulus arvensis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 312. *Bindweed.*)

Rootstock slender, creeping underground to a great extent. Stems twining, but prostrate or scarcely climbing, seldom attaining above 2 feet in length. Leaves stalked, ovate-sagittate, 1½ inches long; the lobes of the base spreading and pointed, or angular. Peduncles axillary, usually 2-flowered, with 2 small bracts at their fork, and a third on one of the pedicels, at some distance from the flower. Sepals small and broad. Corolla of a delicate pink, or nearly white, an inch or rather more in diameter. Lobes of the style narrow-linear. Capsule divided into 2 cells by a thin partition.

In fields and pastures, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Common, and often a troublesome weed in England and Ireland, but apparently local in Scotland. *Fl. all summer.*

2. **Larger Convolvulus. Convolvulus sepium,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 313. *Bindweed.*)

Rootstock creeping as in the *lesser C.*; the twining stems climb to the length of many feet over hedges and bushes. Leaves broadly ovate or triangular, pointed, with broad, angular lobes at the base. Peduncles bearing a single large flower of a pure white, with a pair of large, leafy bracts immediately under the calyx and completely enclosing it. Stigmas obovate-oblong. Capsule without any partition between the seeds.

In hedges and bushy places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, and in North America. Abundant in England and Ireland, but local in Scotland. *Fl. summer.* This and the following species are often removed from *Convolvulus* as a distinct genus, under the name of *Calystegia*.

3. **Sea Convolvulus. Convolvulus Soldanella,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 314.)

Rootstock creeping. Stems short, prostrate and scarcely twining. Leaves small, thick, broadly rounded or kidney-shaped, with broad, rounded or angular lobes at the base. Peduncles 1-flowered, with the two large bracts of the *larger C.* Corolla nearly as large, of a light pink colour, the stigmas longer and more pointed than in the *larger C.*, but shorter and broader than in the *lesser C.*

In maritime sands, in the temperate regions of both the northern and southern hemispheres, scarcely penetrating into the tropics. Not uncommon on the coasts of England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

II. **DODDER.** CUSCUTA.

Annual, parasitical, leafless herbs, with twining thread-like stems, attaching themselves to the plants on which they grow by minute tubercles; the small, nearly globular flowers in lateral heads or clusters. Calyx coloured like the corolla, deeply 4- or 5-cleft. Corolla with a broad tube, and 4 or 5 usually spreading lobes, and as many small scales inside the tube. Styles 2, distinct from the base, or, in some exotic species, united to near the top. Capsule globular, with 4 seeds in 2 cells.

A genus widely spread over the globe, comprising a considerable number of species, and still more numerous varieties, remarkable as showing great general similarity of aspect, but much diversity in minute characters derived chiefly from the size and form of the corolla and of the scales, the constancy of which has not yet been satisfactorily ascertained.

Corolla more than a line in diameter, with short, broad lobes, and inconspicuous, appressed scales.
Calyx shorter than the corolla-tube, which is not much swollen when first flowering . . . . . 1. *Greater D.*
Calyx as long as the globular corolla-tube. Plant growing on Flax only . . . . . 2. *Flax D.*
Corolla usually less than a line in diameter, with pointed, spreading lobes; the scales prominent, and nearly closing the tube . . . . . 3. *Lesser D.*

1. **Greater Dodder.** **Cuscuta europæa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 378.)

The whole plant is of a pale greenish-yellow, tending more or less to redden in many situations. Flowers in sessile, globular clusters, 4 or 5 lines in diameter; each flower a little more than 1 line in diameter, sessile or borne on an exceedingly short pedicel. Sepals broad and rounded. Tube of the corolla at first broadly cylindrical, longer than the calyx, with broad and short lobes, and very minute, scarcely perceptible scales inside. Styles and stamens usually enclosed in the tube. As the capsule enlarges, the tube of the corolla becomes nearly globular.

Parasitic on a great variety of plants, more especially on herbaceous stems, in Europe and the temperate parts of Asia. Not very abundant in England, and not recorded with certainty either from Ireland or Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Flax Dodder.** **Cuscuta Epilinum,** Weihe.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2850.)

Differs slightly from the *greater D.* in its flowers rather larger and more succulent but fewer in number, the calyx rather longer, the corolla-tube globular even when young, and the lobes still shorter in proportion.

Said to grow exclusively on flax, in Europe and Russian Asia, and introduced into Britain with the cultivation of that plant. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Lesser Dodder.** **Cuscuta Epithymum,** Linn.

(*C. europæa*, Eng. Bot. t. 55. *C. Trifolii*, Bab. Man.)

The thread-like stems are much finer than in the *greater D.*; the heads of flowers small, globular, and very compact. Flowers often considerably less than a line in diameter, and very seldom attaining that size; the calyx smaller in proportion; the lobes of the corolla pointed, spreading, and about as long as the tube; the scales of the inside more prominent, almost closing

the tube, and the style and stamens usually slightly protruding, though shorter than the lobes.

In open, sunny situations, chiefly on *Thyme*, *Heath*, and other small shrubby plants, in Europe and temperate Asia. More frequent in England than the *greater D.*, and extending into southern Scotland, but unknown in Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

LIII. THE BORAGE FAMILY. BORAGINEÆ.

Herbs, usually rough with coarse hairs (rarely, in exotic genera, shrubs or even trees), with alternate, simple, usually entire leaves; the flowers in one-sided spikes or racemes, rolled back when young, and usually forked or dichotomous. Calyx of 5 divisions or teeth. Corolla regular or slightly irregular, monopetalous, with a 5-cleft limb. Stamens 5, inserted in the tube of the corolla, and alternating with its divisions. Ovary deeply 4-lobed (or, in some exotic genera, 2-lobed), with a simple style inserted between the lobes. Fruit consisting of as many small, 1-seeded nuts, having the appearance of seeds, and enclosed within or surrounded by the calyx.

A numerous family in the northern hemisphere, with a few representatives in the tropics or in the southern hemisphere; easily distinguished by the 4 seed-like nuts from all but *Labiates*, and from these by their alternate leaves and more regular flowers.

Tube of the corolla open, without any scales or valves at its orifice.
- Stamens protruding beyond the corolla.
  - Corolla oblique, and more or less irregular, with erect or scarcely spreading lobes . . . . . 1. ECHIUM.
  - Corolla regular, with a straight tube and spreading limb . . 3. MERTENSIA.
- Stamens included in the tube of the corolla.
  - Calyx tubular, the lobes not reaching to the middle . . . . 2. LUNGWORT.
  - Calyx divided to the base. Nuts very hard . . . . . 4. LITHOSPERM.

Tube or centre of the corolla more or less closed at its orifice by scales or valves, or stamens.
- Corolla tubular, with 5 small teeth . . . . . 8. COMFREY.
- Corolla rotate, the anthers erect, forming a cone in the centre . 9. BORAGE.
- Corolla (small) with a slightly bent tube, and rather oblique, spreading limb . . . . . 7. BUGLOSS.
- Corolla with a straight tube, and regular, spreading limb.
  - Calyx broad and somewhat flattened, enlarged after flowering, with 5 small teeth between the large ones . . . . 10. ASPERUGO.
  - Calyx regularly 5-cleft.
    - Nuts depressed, ovate or round, muricated and burr-like . 11. HOUND'S-TONGUE.
    - Nuts ovoid, erect, smooth or wrinkled.
      - Nuts wrinkled. Spikes with a bract under each flower . 6. ALKANET.
      - Nuts smooth and shining. Racemes without bracts.
        - Flowers usually small . . . . . 5. MYOSOTE.

Among exotic genera, *Echinospermum Lappula*, a south European annual, which has all the appearance and the small flowers of a *Myosote*, but with triangular, very rough nuts, has been occasionally found in isolated localities in England, when accidentally introduced with Continental weeds. The well-known *sweet Heliotrope* of our gardens belongs to a large exotic genus, truly *Borragineous*, though somewhat anomalous in the closer union of the

nuts. The *Nemophilas* and *Eutocas* of our flower-gardens belong to the small allied *Hydrophyllum* family, which has the inflorescence and flowers of the *Borage* family, but the fruit is a capsule, and the leaves often divided.

I. **ECHIUM.** ECHIUM.

Coarse biennials, or, in exotic species, half-shrubby perennials, with blue or purple flowers. Calyx deeply divided. Corolla with a broad, open mouth to the tube, and an oblique limb, with 5 erect or scarcely spreading, unequal teeth or lobes. Stamens protruding from the tube, and unequal in length. Style 2-cleft. Nuts wrinkled.

A rather numerous genus in the Canary Islands and western and southern Africa, with a few European and west Asiatic species.

Stems very erect. Corolla-tube narrow to the top of the calyx. Longest stamens longer than the corolla . . . . . 1. *Common E.*
Stems ascending. Corolla-tube broadly campanulate. Longest stamens not longer than the lower lobes of the corolla . . . . . 2. *Purple E.*

1. **Common Echium. Echium vulgare,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 181. *Viper's Bugloss.*)

Stem erect, 1 to 2 feet high, covered with stiff, spreading, almost prickly hairs. Radical leaves stalked and spreading, but often withered away at the time of flowering; the stem-leaves linear-lanceolate, several inches long. Flowers showy, at first of a reddish purple, turning afterwards bright blue, in numerous one-sided spikes, forming a long terminal panicle. Corolla about 7 lines long, the narrow part of the tube about as long as the calyx, the limb very oblique, the longest stamens longer than its lower lobes.

On roadsides and waste places, throughout Europe and western Asia, except the extreme north. Dispersed over a great part of Britain, abundant in some parts of southern England, but becomes more rare in the north. *Fl. all summer.*

2. **Purple Echium. Echium violaceum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2798.)

Radical leaves broader and more permanent than in the *common E.*; the stems branched from the base, and more spreading; the flowering spikes fewer and much longer; the flowers highly coloured, much larger, often an inch long; the narrow part of the tube very short, spreading into a broad-campanulate throat, with a very oblique limb; the lower lobes rather longer than the longest stamens.

In waste places, chiefly near the sea, in southern Europe, and extending up the western coasts to the Channel Islands. *Fl. summer.*

II. **LUNGWORT.** PULMONARIA.

Perennial herbs, with a creeping rootstock and rather large blue or purple flowers. Calyx tubular-campanulate, 5-toothed or cleft to the middle only. Corolla with a straight tube open at the mouth, without scales, and a spreading, 5-lobed limb. Stamens included in the tube. Nuts smooth.

A European genus, limited to a very few species.

1. **Common Lungwort. Pulmonaria officinalis,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 118.)

Radical leaves in distinct tufts, ovate-oblong or nearly linear, on long footstalks, and coarsely hairy, usually much spotted. Flowering stems from 6 inches to a foot high, with shorter, alternate, mostly sessile leaves, the lowest sometimes reduced to scales. Flowers in a terminal, forked cyme. Calyx very hairy, little more than 4 lines long at the opening of the flower, but twice that length when in fruit, the teeth or lobes not reaching to the middle. Limb of the corolla broadly spreading, with short lobes.

In woods, in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, extending northwards into Scandinavia. Rare in Britain, the only really wild stations appearing to be in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. *Fl. spring.* The British specimens belong to a variety with narrow leaves, rarely spotted, usually distinguished as a species under the name of *P. angustifolia* (Eng. Bot. t. 1628), but in many parts of the Continent the two forms pass very gradually one into the other. The broad-leaved variety has been long cultivated in cottage-gardens, and has strayed into adjoining woods in some parts of the country.

III. **MERTENSIA.** MERTENSIA.

Perennial herbs, nearly glabrous, differing from *Lungwort* in their short, open, deeply 5-cleft calyx, in the stamens protruding slightly from the tube of the corolla although shorter than the limb, and in their slightly fleshy nuts.

Besides the British species there are several nearly allied to it from North America and Siberia.

1. **Sea Mertensia. Mertensia maritima,** Don.
(*Pulmonaria*, Eng. Bot. t. 368.)

A procumbent, leafy perennial, almost succulent, covered with a glaucous bloom. Leaves obovate, entire, rather thick, and often wavy; the lower ones stalked, the upper ones sessile. Flowers rather small, of a beautiful purple-blue, forming a loose terminal cyme; the pedicels nearly 6 lines long. Segments of the calyx ovate, very broad after flowering, but scarcely longer than the nuts.

A seacoast plant, common in northern Europe and Asia and north-west America, at high latitudes, and descending along the coasts of Scotland to north-western England, North Wales, and Ireland. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

IV. **LITHOSPERM.** LITHOSPERMUM.

Annuals, perennials, or, in some exotic species, undershrubs, more or less hairy; with leafy stems, and blue or whitish flowers, in leafy cymes or one-sided spikes. Calyx deeply 5-cleft. Corolla with a straight tube, not closed by scales, and a spreading, shortly 5-lobed limb. Stamens included within the tube. Nuts very hard and stony.

A considerable genus, widely spread over Europe and northern Asia, although most of the species belong to the Mediterranean region.

Flowers small, white or pale yellow. Stems erect.
Stock perennial. Nuts smooth . . . . . 2. *Common L.*
Annual. Nuts wrinkled . . . . . 1. *Corn L.*
Flowers showy, of a bright blue. Stems long and straggling . . . 3. *Creeping L.*

1. **Corn Lithosperm.** **Lithospermum arvense,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 123. *Corn Gromwell. Bastard Alkanet.*)

An erect, usually branched annual, about a foot high, and more or less hoary with appressed hairs. Leaves narrow-lanceolate or nearly linear. Flowers small and white, sessile, in leafy terminal cymes; the segments of the calyx nearly as long as the corolla. Nuts shorter than the calyx, conical, very hard, and deeply wrinkled.

In cultivated and waste places, in Europe and western and central Asia, not extending to the Arctic regions, but carried out as a cornfield weed to various parts of the world. Rather frequent in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland, but less so in the north. *Fl. spring and summer.*

2. **Common Lithosperm.** **Lithospermum officinale,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 134. *Gromwell.*)

Stock perennial, with a stouter and taller stem than that of the *corn L.*, which this species otherwise much resembles. Flowers rather smaller, of a yellowish white; the calyx shorter in proportion. Nuts hard and white, very smooth and shining, without any wrinkles unless dried before they are ripe.

In waste places, on roadsides, etc., diffused over the whole of Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, and established in many parts of North America. Common in several parts of England and Ireland, but rare in Scotland. *Fl. spring and summer.*

3. **Creeping Lithosperm.** **Lithospermum purpureo-cæruleum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 117.)

Stock perennial, with procumbent, leafy stems, often 2 feet long or more, and shorter, ascending or nearly erect flowering stems, ending in a leafy forked cyme. Leaves lanceolate and hairy. Flowers nearly sessile, of a rich blue, rather large, but usually shorter than the leaves; the calyx-segments narrow. Nuts smooth and shining.

In thickets and open woods, in central and southern Europe, from the Atlantic to the Caucasus. Rare in Britain, and only in some of the southern counties of England. *Fl. summer.*

V. **MYOSOTE.** MYOSOTIS.

Annual or perennial, low or rather weak herbs, with oblong or linear stem-leaves; the radical ones broader, shorter, and stalked; the flowers small, blue or white, in one-sided racemes, either forked or simple, without bracts at the base of the pedicels. Calyx 5-toothed or 5-cleft. Corolla with a small, straight tube, half-closed at its mouth by 5 short scales, and a spreading, flat or concave, 5-lobed limb. Stamens included in the tube. Nuts smooth and shining, compressed or triangular, attached by their small base.

A numerous genus in Europe and northern Asia, scarce in North Ame-

rica, but reappearing in Australia. Although the characters which separato it from *Alkanet* appear slight, it is very distinct in habit.

Calyx-teeth short or not divided beyond the middle. Hairs of the calyx appressed . . . . . 1. *Water M.*
Calyx deeply cleft, the hairs spreading or hooked.
Pedicels as long or longer thau the calyx, 3 to 6 lines long when in fruit.
Perennial with rather large flowers. Limb of the corolla flat . . 2. *Wood M.*
Annual or biennial, with small flowers. Limb of the corolla often concave . . . . . 3. *Field M.*
Pedicels not above a line loug, usually shorter than the calyx. Anuuals.
Stem ascending or branched from the base. Calyx usually open after flowering. Corolla always blue . . . . . 4. *Early M.*
Stem erect, simple at the base. Calyx always closed after flowering. Corolla at first yellow, afterwards blue . . . . . 5. *Changing M.*

Some exotic species are cultivated in our flower-gardens, together with varieties of the *water M.*, the *wood M.*, and the *early M.*

1. **Water Myosote. Myosotis palustris,** With.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1973. *Forget-me-not.*)

Perennial stock usually slightly creeping; the stems weak, ascending, from 6 to 18 inches high, often nearly glabrous, but sometimes rather thickly elothed with spreading hairs. Leaves glabrous or with appressod hairs. Flowers of a bright elear blue, with a yellow eye, very variable in size, but usually rather large for the genus. Calyx never divided below the middle, whilst in all other British species it is deeply cleft.

In wet ditches, and by the sides of streams, in Europe, Russian Asia, and northern America, extending into the Arctic Circle. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. the whole summer.* Modern botanists divide it into three: the true *Forget-me-not*, which is often nearly glabrous, with a broad flat corolla, and short broad teeth to the calyx; *M. repens* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2703), which is more hairy, with narrower lobes to the calyx, reaching to about the middle; and *M. cæspitosa* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2661), with a smaller corolla, with the limb often slightly concave: the first is more common in the south, the last in the north, but they all three run so much one into another as not to be distinguishable with certainty even as varieties.

2. **Wood Myosote. Myosotis sylvatica,** Hoffm.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2630. *M. rupicola*, Eng. Bot. t. 2559.)

A perennial, like the *water M.* but with a more tufted stock, aud rather roughly hairy. Calyx cleft nearly to the base, with narrow segments, erect when in fruit; its hairs more or less spreading, and crisped or hooked when seen through a lens. Corolla as large or even larger than in the *water M.*, with the limb spread out flat.

In mountain pastures and shady situations, common in tho far north of Europe and Asia, as well as in the great central chains from the Pyrenees to the Caucasus and the Altai. Not frequent in Britain, and perhaps limited to Scotland and the north of England. *Fl. summer.* It varies much in size and stature; in lower shady situations, and in our gardens, the stems will attain a foot or more in length, with rather small flowers. The alpine form, with larger flowers, is by some distinguished as a species, under the name of *M. alpestris.*

3. **Field Myosote. Myosotis arvensis,** Roth.
(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2629.)

An annual or sometimes biennial, with a weak stem often above a foot long. It has the hairy foliage and deeply cleft calyx of the *wood M.*, but the corolla, although variable, is much smaller, with a short, concave limb. Calyx shorter than the pedicels, or scarcely so long even when in fruit, with narrow segments, erect when in fruit.

On hedge-banks, in cultivated ground, the edges of woods, and bushy places, throughout Europe and central and northern Asia, and in North America. The most common species all over Britain. *Fl. all summer and autumn.* Some of the larger-flowered specimens are difficult to distinguish in the dried state from the smaller-flowered ones of the *wood M.*, but when fresh I have never observed any really intermediate forms.

4. **Early Myosote. Myosotis collina,** Hoffm.
(*M. arvensis*, Eng. Bot. t. 2558.)

A low, much branched, hairy annual, seldom attaining 6 inches; the leaves mostly collected in radical tufts, with a few at the base of the flowering branches, which consist chiefly of the slender racemes; the pedicels seldom above a line long. Calyx, when dry, exactly like that of the *field M.*, but in the living plant its segments are spreading, not erect, after flowering. Corolla very small, of a bright blue, with a small, concave limb.

On dry, open places, in central and southern Europe, to the Caucasus and the western Himalaya. Not so frequent in Britain, but apparently more so in the south of England than further to the north. *Fl. early summer, and dies soon after.* A white-flowered and more permanent variety is often cultivated. Occasional intermediate forms excite some doubts as to whether this be really specifically distinct from the *field M.*

5. **Changing Myosote. Myosotis versicolor,** Pers.
(*M. scorpioides*, Eng. Bot. t. 480. f. 1.)

A little hairy annual, with a more simple and erect stem than any of the foregoing, from a few inches to near a foot high, with a spreading tuft of radical leaves, and a few erect ones along the stem. Flowers small and nearly sessile; the calyx-segments quite closed over the fruit after flowering; the corolla small, at first pale yellow, and turning blue as it fades.

On banks, in meadows and pastures, in central and southern Europe and western Asia, extending northwards into Scandinavia. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. spring.*

VI. **ALKANET.** ANCHUSA.

Coarse, hairy biennials or perennials, with rather large blue flowers, in one-sided spikes, with a bract under each flower. Calyx deeply 5-cleft. Corolla with a straight tube, often slightly enlarged at the top, and closed at the mouth by scales usually hairy; the limb spreading and 5-lobed. Stamens included in the tube. Nuts rather large, wrinkled, angular, attached by their broad, concave base.

The species are numerous in southern Europe and western Asia, a very few extending far to the north.

Leaves lanceolate. Flowers in terminal forked panicles . . . . . 1. *Common A.*
Leaves broadly ovate. Flowers in short axillary spikes . . . . . 2. *Green A.*

1. **Common Alkanet. Anchusa officinalis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 662.)

A biennial, about 2 feet high, with coarse, stiff hairs; the root thick and hard. Radical leaves long and stalked; the lower stem-leaves lanceolate, broad or narrow, from 2 to 5 or 6 inches long; the upper ones gradually smaller. The one-sided forked spikes lengthen considerably as the flowering advances, and form a kind of terminal panicle. Flowers nearly sessile, with a small, leafy bract at the base of each; the calyx very stiffly hairy, with narrow divisions; the corolla of a rich blue, and rather large, but varies in size.

In waste places, on roadsides, etc., all over the continent of Europe, except the extreme north, and eastward to the Caucasus. In Britain, only in a few localities, chiefly on the east coast of England, and supposed to be an introduced plant. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Green Alkanet. Anchusa sempervirens,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 45.)

Stock perennial, the stems more straggling than those of the *common A.*, but covered with the same coarse, stiff hairs. Leaves broadly ovate; the flowers in one-sided, short spikes, leafy at the base, and placed in the axils of the stem-leaves. Corolla of a rich blue, with a shorter tube than in the *common A.* Nuts expanded at the base on the inner side into a small convex appendage.

In waste places, on roadsides, etc., in western Europe, scarcely extending eastward along the Mediterranean, and not reaching the Rhine. Scattered over several parts of Britain, but probably truly wild only in south-western England and Ireland. *Fl. spring and summer.*

VII. **BUGLOSS.** LYCOPSIS.

A small European and north Asiatic genus, distinguished from *Alkanet* by the curved tube of the corolla. The species are all annuals, with small flowers.

1. **Small Bugloss. Lycopsis arvensis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 938.)

A coarse, spreading annual, covered with very stiff hairs. Stems procumbent at the base, branched, 1 to 2 feet long. Leaves lanceolate or oblong-linear, waved on the edges, and often toothed; the lower ones often stalked, the upper ones sessile or stem-clasping. Flowers in simple or forked, terminal, one-sided spikes. Calyx deeply 5-cleft, and nuts wrinkled as in *Alkanet.* Corolla pale blue, with the tube always curved in the middle.

A common European and north Asiatic weed of cultivation, carried out with European crops to North America and other parts of the world. Extends all over Britain. *Fl. summer.*

VIII. **COMFREY.** SYMPHYTUM.

Rough, hairy perennials, with yellow or purple drooping flowers, in short,

terminal, forked cymes, and no bracts under the pedicels. Calyx deeply 5-cleft. Corolla tubular, but enlarged above the middle, where it is closed inside by 5 lanceolate scales, and terminating in 5 very small spreading teeth or lobes. Stamens shorter than the corolla. Nuts ovoid, smooth, attached by their base.

The genus contains but few species, nearly resembling each other, and extends over Europe and northern Asia.

Stem 2 or 3 feet high, branched, more or less winged by the decurrent base of the leaves . . . . . 1. *Common C.*
Stem simple, about a foot high. Leaves stalked or scarcely decurrent 2. *Tuberous C.*

1. **Common Comfrey. Symphytum officinale,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 817.)

Rootstock thick, with stout, erect, branching, annual stems, 2 or 3 feet high. Leaves broadly lanceolate, often 8 or 9 inches long or more, tapering into a long point, and rough with short, stiff hairs; the lower ones stalked, the upper ones sessile and decurrent along the stem to the next leaf below or even lower down. Flower-cymes stalked above the last leaf, once or seldom twice forked; the branches forming short, one-sided racemes. Flowers all pedicellate, 3 lines long, either pale yellow or a dark dingy-purple.

On moist banks, the borders of meadows, etc., in Europe and western Asia, extending northward into southern Scandinavia. Frequent in England and Ireland but less so in Scotland, and not found to the north of Aberdeen or Glasgow. *Fl. spring and summer.*

2. **Tuberous Comfrey. Symphytum tuberosum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1502, *a luxuriant garden specimen.*)

A much smaller plant than the common species, seldom above a foot high, and not branched. The rootstock forms a short woody tuber. Leaves mostly ovate and stalked; the upper ones nearly sessile, and very slightly decurrent. Cymes small and few-flowered, the flowers themselves about the size of the *common C.*

In woods, and on shady banks, in central and southern Europe, but scarcely extending into northern Germany. In Britain, rather more northern, being more frequent in southern Scotland than in England. Not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

IX. **BORAGE.** BORAGO.

Rough, hairy annuals or biennials, with blue flowers in loose forked cymes. Calyx deeply 5-cleft. Corolla rotate; the tube exceedingly short; the mouth closed by short scales. Stamens 5; the filaments very short and forked; the anthers forming an erect cone in the centre of the flower. Nuts attached by their excavated base, and free from the style.

A genus of few species, chiefly from north-eastern Europe and western Asia.

1. **Common Borage. Borago officinalis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 36.)

Stem erect, with spreading branches, a foot high or rather more. Lower

leaves obovate or oblong, narrowed at the base into long stalks; the upper ones more shortly stalked, and narrower. Flowers on long pedicels, drooping, of a clear blue or sometimes white; the dark anthers very prominent in the centre.

In waste grounds, indigenous to the east Mediterranean region, but, long cultivated in European gardens, it has become naturalized in many parts of central and western Europe, and is said to be fully established in several counties of England. *Fl. all summer.*

X. **ASPERUGO.** ASPERUGO.

A single species, allied to *Alkanet,* but universally admitted as a genus on account of the peculiar calyx and habit.

1. **German Asperugo. Asperugo procumbens,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 661. *Madwort.*)

A weak procumbent annual, rough with short, stiff, almost prickly hairs, many of them curved or hooked so as to be very adhesive. Leaves oblong or lanceolate, narrowed at the base, the lower ones stalked, those under the flowers often nearly opposite. Flowers small and blue, 1 to 3 together in the axils of the upper leaves, on very short, recurved pedicels. The broadly campanulate calyx enlarges immediately after flowering, becomes much flattened, veined, and divided to the middle into 5 lanceolate lobes, with 1 or 2 small ones between each. Corolla that of a very small *Alkanet.* Nuts ovoid, with a granulated surface.

In cultivated and waste places, over nearly the whole of Europe and northern Asia short of the Arctic Circle. Occurs as a weed of cultivation in many parts of England and southern Scotland, but not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

XI. **HOUND'S-TONGUE.** CYNOGLOSSUM.

Stout, erect biennials, clothed with rough hairs, which are, however, more appressed and hoary than in most *Boragineous* plants; with long, narrow leaves, and rather small, blue or purplish-red flowers, in simple or forked, one-sided racemes. Calyx deeply 5-cleft. Corolla with a short tube, closed at the mouth by prominent scales, and a spreading, 5-lobed, regular limb. Nuts rather large, depressed, attached laterally to the base of the style, and covered with short, hooked prickles, so as to make them very adhesive burs.

A European and Asiatic genus, rather numerous in species, especially if considered as including the little blue-flowered *Omphalodes* and the white-flowered *C. linifolium.* These two species, formerly frequent in our flower-gardens, are however sometimes distinguished with some others as a genus by the nuts, which instead of being muricated all over, have a raised, more or less toothed border.

Leaves hoary with rather soft appressed hairs. Flowers dull purple-red 1. *Common H.*
Leaves green, rough with scattered hairs. Flowers bluish-purple . . 2. *Green H.*

1. **Common Hound's-tongue. Cynoglossum officinale,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 921.)

Stem stout, erect, and branched, about 2 feet high, with rough hairs.

Leaves lanceolate, or often the radical and lowest ones oblong, stalked, and sometimes near a foot long; the others gradually shorter, with shorter stalks, the uppermost sessile and clasping the stem: all of them hoary with a dense, rather soft, appressed down. Racemes numerous, mostly simple, forming a terminal leafy panicle; the pedicels short, without bracts. Calyx-segments broadly lanceolate. Corolla rather small, of a dull purplish-red. Nuts flattened and bur-like, often above 3 lines diameter. The whole plant has a disagreeable smell.

On roadsides and waste places, in Europe and Russian Asia, extending far into Scandinavia. Not unfrequent in England and Ireland, but becoming rare in Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Green Hound's-tongue. Cynoglossum montanum,** Linn.
(*C. sylvaticum*, Eng. Bot. t. 1642.)

Much like the *common H.*, but generally not so stout, much greener; the hairs of the leaves fewer, more scattered, and stiffer; the upper leaves broader at the base, and the spikes more slender, with fewer, and smaller flowers, of a dull bluish-purple tinge.

In woods and shady places, chiefly in the forests and mountain districts of the continent of Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus. Not common in Britain, occurring in the southern and some of the central or eastern counties of England, rare in Ireland, and not known in Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

LIV. THE SOLANUM FAMILY. SOLANACEÆ.

Herbs, shrubs, or soft-wooded trees, with alternate leaves without stipules, but sometimes accompanied by a smaller leaf at their base; the flowers solitary or in forked cymes, on lateral or terminal peduncles. Calyx usually with 5 teeth, lobes, or segments. Corolla monopetalous, with 5 or rarely 4 teeth or lobes, regular or nearly so, and folded in the bud. Stamens as many as the lobes of the corolla, and alternating with its divisions. Ovary 2-celled, rarely incompletely 4-celled, with several ovules in each cell. Fruit a berry or rarely a capsule, with several seeds.

A numerous family in the tropical and warmer parts of the globe, only represented in northern regions by a few stragglers from more southern latitudes. A large proportion of the species contain more or less of a narcotic, poisonous principle, although several are among the important articles of food.

Fruit a capsule.
- Corolla large, with a long tube. Capsule prickly, 4-valved . . . . . 1. DATURA.
- Corolla obliquely campanulate, with a short tube. Capsule smooth . 2. HENBANE.

Fruit a berry.
- Corolla rotate. Anthers close together, in a projecting cone, opening by pores at the top . . . . . 3. SOLANUM.
- Corolla campanulate. Anthers distinct, opening by longitudinal slits . 4. ATROPA.

Several *Solanaceæ* belonging to exotic genera are cultivated for use or

ornament, among which may be mentioned the *Tobacco* (Nicotiana) and the closely allied ornamental genera *Petunia* and *Nierembergia*, the *Mandrake* (Mandragora), the *Winter-cherry* (Physalis), the *Cayenne Pepper* (Capsicum), as well as the *Cestrums* and *Fabianas* and even *Nolanas* of our gardens, which, although somewhat anomalous, are considered by most botanists as belonging to the *Solanum* family.

I. **DATURA.** DATURA.

Coarse annuals or soft-wooded shrubs. Corolla long, funnel-shaped, and regular. Capsule large, opening in 4 valves, and partially divided into 4 cells.

A small genus, spreading over the warmer regions of the globe. The large, shrubby *Daturas* often distinguished as *Brugmansias* on account of their smooth, not prickly capsules, are from South America.

1. **Thorn-apple Datura. Datura Stramonium,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1288. *Thorn-apple.*)

A coarse, glabrous or slightly downy annual, 1 or 2 feet high, with spreading, forked branches. Leaves rather large, ovate, with irregular, angular or pointed teeth or lobes. Flowers solitary, on short peduncles, in the forks or at the ends of the branches. Calyx loosely tubular, about 1½ inches long, and falls off after flowering, leaving a small rim under the capsule. Corolla above 3 inches long, bordered with 5 narrow, distant teeth, usually white, but occasionally (especially in hot countries) purple. Capsule nearly globular, very prickly, with numerous wrinkled seeds.

A common roadside weed, in southern Europe and all over the warmer parts of the globe, extending northward into southern Sweden. Appears not unfrequently in southern England, but can scarcely be considered as naturalized. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

II. **HENBANE.** HYOSCYAMUS.

Coarse, usually hairy annuals or biennials. Corolla obliquely campanulate or shortly funnel-shaped, 5-lobed. Capsule enclosed in the enlarged calyx, bursting when ripe round a circular raised ring immediately below the hardened top.

1. **Common Henbane. Hyoscyamus niger,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 591.)

A coarse, erect, branching annual, 1 to 2 feet high, more or less hairy and viscid, with a nauseous smell. Leaves rather large, sessile; the upper ones clasping the stem, ovate, and irregularly pinnatifid. Flowers very shortly stalked; the lower ones in the forks of the branches; the upper ones sessile, in one-sided leafy spikes, rolled back at the top before flowering. Calyx short when in flower, but persists round the fruit, and then an inch long, strongly veined, with 5 stiff, broad, almost prickly lobes. Corolla above an inch long, pale dingy-yellow, with purplish veins. Capsule globular, with numerous small seeds.

In waste, stony places, on roadsides, etc., in central and southern Europe and western Asia, and having been formerly much cultivated for its medicinal properties has spread far into northern Europe. In Britain, chiefly

on rubbish and waste places, about villages and old castles, in England, southern Scotland, and Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

III. **SOLANUM.** SOLANUM.

Herbs, shrubs, or, in exotic species, low trees; the flowers usually in cymes, on short, lateral or terminal peduncles. Calyx of 5 or rarely more divisions. Corolla rotate, 5-lobed, with scarcely any tube. Anthers almost sessile, closed or joined together in an erect cone round the style in the centre of the flower, each anther opening in a small pore at the top. Fruit a berry, with several seeds.

A very large genus, widely spread over the globe, but chiefly in tropical regions, and more especially in South America.

Climber, shrubby at the base. Leaves slightly cordate or 3-lobed . 1. *Bittersweet S.*
Erect annual or biennial. Leaves ovate, angularly toothed . . . . 2. *Black S.*

The cultivated species include the *Potato* (*S. tuberosum*), the *Tomato* or *Love-apple* (*S. Lycopersicum*), the *Egg-plant* or *Bringall* (*S. Melongena*), and several ornamental ones.

1. **Bittersweet Solanum. Solanum Dulcamara,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 565. *Bittersweet* or *Deadly Nightshade.*)

Stem shrubby at the base, with climbing or straggling branches, often many feet in length, but dying far back in winter. Leaves stalked, ovate or ovate-lanceolate, 2 or 3 inches long, usually broadly cordate at the base and entire, but sometimes with an additional smaller lobe or segment on each side, either quite glabrous or downy on both sides as well as the stem. Flowers rather small, blue, with yellow anthers, in loose cymes, on lateral peduncles shorter than the leaves. Berries small, globular or ovoid, and red.

In hedges and thickets, in moist shady situations, all over Europe, except the extreme north, represented all across Russian Asia by a closely allied species or perhaps a mere variety. Generally diffused over England and Ireland, but more rare in Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Black Solanum. Solanum nigrum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 566.)

An erect annual or biennial, with very spreading branches, about a foot high; in Britain usually glabrous or nearly so, but on the Continent often hairy or rough on the angles. Leaves stalked, ovate, with coarse angular teeth. Flowers small and white, in little cymes almost contracted into umbels, on short, lateral peduncles. Berries small, globular, usually black, but sometimes, especially on the Continent, green, yellow, or dingy-red.

One of the widest-spread weeds over every part of the globe, except the extreme north and south; varying so much in warmer regions as to have been described under more than forty names. Common in some parts of England and Ireland, but scarcely found in Scotland, except when accidentally introduced with cultivation. *Fl. the whole summer and autumn.*

IV. **ATROPA.** ATROPA.

Calyx broadly campanulate, deeply 5-lobed. Corolla campanulate, regular. Fruit a berry.

A genus confined by some to the single European species, but extended by others to include several herbs or shrubs from warmer climates, of no interest to the British botanist.

1. **Deadly Atropa. Atropa Belladonna,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 592. *Dwale* or *Belladonna.*)

An erect, glabrous or slightly downy herb, with a perennial root-stock and branching stem. Leaves stalked, rather large, ovate and entire, with a smaller one usually proceeding from the same point, often so small as to look like a stipule. Flowers solitary, on short peduncles, in the forks of the stem or in the axils of the leaves. Corolla pale purplish-blue, nearly an inch long, with 5 broad, short lobes. Stamens shorter, with distinct filaments. Berry rather large, globular.

In waste, stony places, in southern Europe and west central Asia, extending over central Europe, chiefly about old castles and ruins. In Britain, it is only found in similar localities in southern England, and a few stations further north, probably the remains of former cultivation. *Fl. summer.*

LV. THE BROOMRAPE FAMILY. OROBANCHACEÆ.

Herbs, of a brown or purplish colour, passing into yellow or blue, but never green, always parasitical on the roots of other herbs or shrubs; the stems simple or rarely branched, erect, bearing scales of the same colour instead of leaves, and a terminal spike of flowers, each in the axil of a bract, similar to the scales of the stem, and accompanied often by a pair of smaller bracts at the base of the calyx. Calyx variously divided, usually into 2 or 4 lobes or sepals. Corolla broadly tubular or campanulate, often curved, the lobes more or less 2-lipped. Stamens 4, in 2 pairs. Anthers 2-celled, the cells parallel, and usually pointed at the lower end. Style single, with a 2-lobed stigma. Ovary and capsule 1-celled, the latter opening in 2 valves, with numerous small seeds attached to parietal placentas.

A small Order, spread over the greater part of the globe, but chiefly in temperate climates, and more abundant in the old world than in America. The floral characters are nearly those of the *Scrophularia* family, with the exception of the ovary and capsule, which are never divided into cells, the placentas not joining in the centre. The absence of green leaves at once distinguishes it from all British species of that family.

Calyx deeply divided into 2 or 4 pointed sepals . . . . . 1. BROOMRAPE.
Calyx with 4 broad, short teeth or lobes . . . . . 2. LATHRÆA.

1. **BROOMRAPE.** OROBANCHE.

Calyx divided to the base on the upper side, and often also on the lower side, so as to form 2 lateral sepals, either entire or 2-cleft, either distinct from each other, or more or less connected at the base on the lower side, and sometimes on the upper side also, by the intervention of a fifth lobe, and always pointed. Habit and other characters those of the family.

It is the principal genus of the Order, extending over the whole of its geographical range. The species are in general difficult to characterize. Some appear to thrive only on the roots of one species, or at most two or three closely allied ones, whilst others will grow on a great variety of plants of the most remote natural affinities. But as the particular stock the plant feeds on, occasions some modification in the habit of the parasite, it is in many cases a matter of great doubt whether the differences observed are owing to this circumstance or to real specific distinction. It is not therefore improbable that some of the species here adopted, although much less numerous than those usually distinguished, may on a more careful observation prove to be mere varieties of each other.

One bract only under each flower. Plant with little or no blue.
- Stout plant, 1 to 3 feet high, with numerous flowers in a dense spike.
  - Plant dingy-brown, on shrubby *Peaflowers*. Stamens glabrous below . . . . . 1. *Great B.*
  - Plant more or less yellow, on *Centaurea* and other herbs. Stamens hairy below . . . . . 4. *Tall B.*
- Plant seldom above a foot high. Spike short, or with the lower flowers distant.
  - Plant of a dingy brown, or with a reddish tint. Tube of the corolla broad.
    - Calyx of 2 entire or unequally divided sepals. Plant red-brown, on *Thyme* . . . . . 3. *Red B.*
    - Calyx of two equally divided sepals. Plant light or dark brown, on *Galium* . . . . . 2. *Clove-scented B.*
  - Plant of a light yellowish-brown or purplish, the flowers often tinged with blue. Tube of the corolla narrowed above the base . . . . . 5. *Lesser B.*

Three bracts to each flower, one underneath, and a small one on each side. Plant often bluish.
- Stem always simple. Calyx 5-toothed or -lobed . . . . . 6. *Blue B.*
- Stem often branched. Calyx 5-toothed or -lobed . . . . . 7. *Branched B.*

1. Great Broomrape. Orobanche major, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 421.)

This, our largest species, as it is first developed is of a pale yellow, but very soon assumes in every part a dingy purplish-brown colour. Stem simple, stout, from 1 to 1½ or 2 feet high, much thickened at the base, with lanceolate scales, which are much shorter and broader at the base of the plant. Flowers closely sessile, with one bract to each, forming a dense spike at least half the length of the whole plant. Calyx more or less deeply divided into 2 or 4 lanceolate lobes. Corolla ¾ to 1 inch long; the tube nearly as broad as long, curved, with a very oblique limb; the upper lip entire or shortly 2-lobed, the lower one 3-lobed, with the middle lobe usually, but not always larger than the lateral ones, and all the lobes toothed and wavy, although less so than in many species. The upper part of the style and stamens are usually covered with short glandular hairs, which are wanting in the lower parts.

On the roots of shrubby *Peaflower* plants, scattered over nearly the

whole of Europe. Not uncommon in some parts of England, chiefly on *Broom*, more rarely on *Furze*. *Fl. early summer.*

2. **Clove-scented Broomrape. Orobanche caryophyllacea,** Sm.
(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2639.)

The colour of the plant and size of the flowers are those of the *greater B.*, but the stem is seldom above 8 or 9 inches high; the flowers are much fewer, and further apart; the tube of the corolla is not quite so broad; the upper lobes scarcely spreading, and the lower ones nearly equal, and the stamens more hairy at the base. The flowers are usually sweet-scented.

Said to grow exclusively on *Galiums;* common on the continent of Europe, extending across the whole of Asia. In Britain limited hitherto to a very few of the southern counties of England. *Fl. early summer.*

3. **Red Broomrape. Orobanche rubra,** Sm.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1786, *not good.*)

A rather smaller plant than the *clove-scented B.*, which it resembles in the shape of the flowers, but these are nearer the size of those of the *lesser B.*, and the whole plant assumes a very red-brown colour. Calyx usually divided into 2 entire sepals with narrow points, but these are sometimes again divided, although very unequally, or united in front at the base, as in the *lesser B.* and other species.

On the roots of *Thyme*, in central and southern Europe. In Britain, only on the basalt and trap-rocks in Scotland and Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Tall Broomrape. Orobanche elatior,** Sutt.
(Eng. Bot. t. 568.)

Closely resembling the *greater B.* in stature and flowers, of which it is probably a mere variety. It retains longer its pale yellow colour; the lobes of the corolla are less unequal and more toothed, and the stamens are hairy in their lower part, and nearly glabrous above.

On the *greater Centaurea*, and not on *Peaflower* shrubs; said to be more abundant than the *greater B.* in eastern Europe, but rare in England. *Fl. summer.*

5. **Lesser Broomrape. Orobanche minor,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 422.)

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Often small, and always more slender than any of the preceding species, with smaller flowers. Generally of a light brown or yellowish colour, with more or less of bluish-purple in the flowers, although not running into the deep purple-blue of the two following species. It is usually from 6 to 9 inches high, although some of the larger specimens exceed a foot; the lower flowers of the spike are at some distance from each other. Segments of the calyx ending in long, slender points. Tube of the corolla contracted in the middle, much curved; the lobes of the limb larger in proportion, and more wavy than in the *greater* and the *clove-scented B.* Stamens more or less hairy in their lower part.

One of the widest-spread species over Europe and Russian Asia, growing on a great variety of plants. In Britain, not uncommon in southern and central England, and southern Ireland. *Fl. all summer.* It varies according to station, and the plants it affects. Many of these varieties have been considered as species, amongst which three are commonly admitted

into the British Floras :—*O. Picridis* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2956), a tall, very pale-coloured variety, growing on the *Hawkweed Picris; O. amethystea*, assuming a bluer tint than any of the others, and growing on *Eryngium; O. Hederæ* (*O. barbata*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2859), not uncommon on *Ivy* in the south of England as on the Continent. It is said to differ from the common form in the yellow, not purple, colour of the stigma, and other trifling characters, which however do not appear to be at all constant.

6. **Blue Broomrape. Orobanche cærulea,** Vill.

(Eng. Bot. t. 423.)

Stem simple or rarely branched, 6 to 9 inches high, with a light-bluish tint. Flowers of a deep purplish-blue, with two small bracts at its base, one on each side, besides the larger bract common to all *Broomrapes*. Calyx usually closed at the back by a fifth tooth or lobe, much shorter and broader than the others. Corolla-tube rather long and curved; the 5 lobes, although arranged in two lips, are less unequal, and less wavy than in the preceding species.

Chiefly, if not exclusively, on the *Milfoil Achillea;* not uncommon on the continent of Europe, and in west-central Asia. In Britain, only in grassy pastures near the sea, in Norfolk, and in the Channel Islands. *Fl. early summer.* The *O. arenaria*, a larger plant, of a paler blue, parasitical on *Artemisias* in light, sandy soils, is said to have been found also in Jersey; but all the specimens so named from that island which I have seen, have proved to be the *blue B.*

7. **Branched Broomrape. Orobanche ramosa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 184.)

Very much smaller than the *blue B.*, of a pale straw-colour, with smaller pale-blue flowers. Stem often branched, seldom above 6 inches high. Flowers shaped like those of the *blue B.*, and, like them, they have two small lateral bracts besides the larger one; but the calyx is split at the back, and has only 4 lobes, as in the brown *Broomrapes*.

On Hemp, Lucern, and some other crops, chiefly in southern Europe, and has been found, though very rarely, in some of the southern and eastern counties of England. *Fl. summer.*

II. **LATHRÆA.** LATHRÆA.

A single species, closely allied to the *Broomrapes*, but the flowers more regular, the calyx broadly campanulate or inflated with 4 short broad lobes, and the placentas to which the seeds are attached in the capsule are more fleshy.

1. **Common Lathræa. Lathræa squamaria,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 50. *Toothwort.*)

A pale rose-coloured plant, with flesh-coloured or slightly bluish flowers, streaked with purple or dark red. Rootstock fleshy and creeping, covered with close-set, short, thick, fleshy scales. Flowering stems erect, from 3 or 4 inches to near a foot high, with a few broad, orbicular, much less fleshy scales, passing gradually into the bracts. Flowers numerous and nodding, in a dense spike, or sometimes shortly stalked. Calyx about 5 lines long.

Corolla half as long again, the upper lip entire or slightly notched. Stamens and style nearly as long as the corolla, or sometimes, especially the style, projecting beyond it.

On the roots of trees, especially the *Hazel*, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Not uncommon in England and Ireland, and extends into the southern counties of Scotland. *Fl. early spring.*

LVI. SCROPHULARIA FAMILY. SCROPHULARINEÆ.

Herbs, or in some exotic species shrubs, with opposite or alternate leaves, and no stipules. Calyx persisting round the fruit, usually with 5 teeth or segments, sometimes fewer. Corolla monopetalous, usually 2-lipped, but sometimes nearly regular, with 4, 5, or rarely more lobes, always overlapping one another in the bud. Stamens usually 2 or 4, in 2 pairs, very rarely 5, inserted in the tube of the corolla. Ovary and capsule divided into 2 cells, with several seeds in each cell. Style simple, usually ending in a 2-cleft stigma.

A numerous family, widely diffused over the globe, from the Arctic Circle to the tropics, although more abundant in temperate regions than in the extremes of heat or cold, and, generally speaking, well marked by the 2-lipped or *personate* corolla, the stamens in pairs, and the several seeds in each cell of the capsule; but there are some anomalous genera in which these characters are much modified, and two large and natural exotic families, the *Bignonia* and *Acanthus* families, are only to be accurately distinguished from *Scrophularineæ* by an attentive study of minute characters. To the first of these belong the *Bignonias* and *Tecomas* of our hothouses, as well as the *Catalpa*, often planted in our gardens, and (if taken in its most extended sense) the numerous hothouse *Gesnerias*, *Gloxinias*, *Achimenes*, etc. The *Acanthaceæ* include *Justicias*, *Ruellias*, and many modern hothouse genera with long names, besides the European *Acanthus*, which gives its name to the family.

Corolla rotate or concave, with a very short tube.
- Stamens 2. Corolla 4-cleft, never yellow . . . . . 9. VERONICA.
- Stamens 4 or more.
  - Tall, coarse, erect plants. Stamens 5, often woolly . . . . . 1. MULLEIN.
  - Small or creeping plants. Stamens 4, glabrous.
    - Glabrous, almost stemless plant, with radical leaves and minute, clustered flowers . . . . . 6. LIMOSEL.
    - Slender, creeping, hairy plant, with orbicular, alternate leaves, and axillary, stalked flowers . . . . . 7. SIBTHORPIA.

Corolla with a distinct tube.
- Tube of the corolla with a spear or protuberance at the base, the mouth closed by a projecting palate.
  - Tube of the corolla spurred . . . . . 3. LINARIA.
  - Tube of the corolla with a slight protuberance at the base . . . 2. SNAPDRAGON.
- Tube of the corolla straight at the base, the mouth open (except in *Melampyrum*).
  - *Calyx with 5 lobes or teeth, or 2 or 3 leafy jagged lobes.*
    - Corolla nearly globular, small, dingy, with 5 unequal lobes, not 2-lipped . . . . . 4. SCROPHULARIA.

Corolla more than an inch long, with a broad tube, and flat, spreading lobes.
Flowers red or white, in a long terminal spike. Leaves alternate . . . . . 8. FOXGLOVE.
Flowers yellow, on axillary peduncles. Leaves opposite . . 5. MIMULUS.
Corolla less than an inch long, the tube slender or short.
Calyx inflated after flowering. Upper lip of the corolla laterally compressed . . . . . 13. PEDICULARIS.
Calyx tubular or campanulate. Upper lip of the corolla with two spreading lobes . . . . . 11. EYEBRIGHT.
Calyx with 4 lobes or teeth.
Upper lip of the corolla arched or with spreading lobes. Anther-cells pointed at the lower end.
Upper lip of the corolla nearly entire, arched or concave . 10. BARTSIA.
Upper lip of the corolla 2-lobed, spreading . . . . . 11. EYEBRIGHT.
Upper lip of the corolla much compressed laterally. Anther-cells obtuse.
Calyx much inflated, the teeth small. . . . . 12. RATTLE.
Calyx tubular or campanulate, toothed or lobed . . . . 14. MELAMPYRE.

These British genera belong to two of the three principal Tribes or Sub-orders of the family, viz. :—

Tribe *Antirrhineæ*. Upper lip or outer lobe of the corolla outside the others in the bud. *Genera:*—1. MULLEIN; 2. SNAPDRAGON; 3. LINARIA; 4. SCROPHULARIA; and 5. MIMULUS.

Tribe *Rhinantheæ*. Upper lip or upper lobe of the corolla wholly or partially inside the others in the bud. *Genera*:—6. LIMOSEL; 7. SIBTHORPIA; 8. FOXGLOVE; 9. VERONICA; 10. BARTSIA; 11. EYEBRIGHT; 12. RATTLE; 13. PEDICULARIS; and 14. MELAMPYRE.

Among the exotic genera cultivated in our gardens may be mentioned, *Browallia*, *Brunsfelsia*, *Salpiglossis*, and *Schizanthus*, belonging to the wholly exotic tribe *Salpiglossideæ;* and *Calceolaria*, *Alonsoa*, *Angelonia*, *Maurandia*, *Lophospermum*, *Paulownia*, *Collinsia*, *Penstemon*, *Torenia*, and several others of the tribe *Antirrhineæ*. The exotic genera of *Rhinantheæ*, with the exception of a few allied to *Veronica* and *Foxglove*, are mostly parasitical, and therefore, although very handsome, not in cultivation.

I. **MULLEIN.** VERBASCUM.

Tall, erect, stiff herbs, often woolly; with coarse, alternate leaves, more or less toothed; and yellow, white, or rarely purple flowers, either solitary under each bract or in short dense cymes or branches, forming terminal, simple spikes or branched panicles. Calyx deeply 5-cleft. Corolla rotate or concave, with a very short tube, and 5 broad, rounded lobes. Stamens 5, with all the filaments woolly or the two lower ones glabrous. Capsule ovoid, opening at the partition in 2 valves, with very numerous small seeds.

The genus extends over Europe and northern and central Asia, but is most abundant in the Mediterranean region, where the species vary much, besides frequently producing natural hybrids, so that their distinction has become very complicated. The few British species are however more easily recognized.

Leaves decurrent on the stem, very woolly. Flowers in a dense, simple spike . . . . . 1. *Great M.*
Leaves not decurrent or the upper ones very slightly so. Flowers in a raceme or panicle.
Plant glabrous or slightly glandular-hairy. Two stamens longer than the others, with long anthers. Flowers large, one or few to each bract. (Raceme usually simple.)
Pedicels mostly longer than the calyx . . . . . 2. *Moth M.*
Pedicels shorter than the calyx . . . . . 3. *Twiggy M.*

Plant with more or less white cottony down or wool, especially on the calyx and under side of the leaves. Flowers rather small, several to each bract.
Lower leaves cordate at the base. Raceme nearly simple. Hairs of the filaments yellow . . . . . 4. *Dark M.*
Lower leaves narrowed at the base. Raceme panicled. Hairs of the filaments white.
Down short and powdery. Upper side of the leaves nearly glabrous . . . . . 5. *White M.*
Down a mealy wool, easily rubbed off, on both sides of the leaves 6. *Hoary M.*

1. **Great Mullein. Verbascum Thapsus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 549, *incorrect as to the hairs of the stamens.*)

A stout, erect biennial, simple or branched, 2 to 4 feet high, clothed with soft woolly hairs. Leaves oblong, pointed, slightly toothed, narrowed at the base into two wings running a long way down the stem; the lower ones often stalked, and 6 or 8 inches long or more. Flowers in a dense, woolly terminal spike, sometimes a foot or more long. Corolla yellow, usually 6 to 9 lines diameter, slightly concave; 3 of the filaments are covered with yellowish woolly hairs, and have short 1-celled anthers; the 2 longer stamens glabrous or nearly so, with longer anthers adnate to the filaments. Capsule thick, rather longer than the calyx.

Common on roadsides and waste places, all over Europe and temperate Asia to the Caucasus, Altai, and Himalaya, and now naturalized in America. Frequent in Britain, extending as far north as Aberdeen. *Fl. summer.* A variety with a much larger and flatter corolla and longer anthers to the long stamens, not uncommon on the Continent, where botanists give it the name of *V. thapsiforme*, but which is believed by some to be the original form described by Linnæus, is said to have been found also in Kent.

2. **Moth Mullein. Verbascum Blattaria,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 393.)

A tall biennial, not quite so stout as the *great M.*, sometimes branched, and either glabrous or with a few glandular hairs in the upper part. Leaves oblong, coarsely toothed or sinuate; the lower ones stalked, the middle ones sessile, the upper ones clasping the stem or shortly decurrent. Flowers yellow or rarely white, in a long, loose, simple raceme; the pedicels from 3 to 6 lines long, either solitary or rarely two together in the axil of a green bract. Hairs of the filaments purple.

On banks and edges of fields, in central and southern Europe, Russian and central Asia, and naturalized in North America, but not extending into Scandinavia. Indicated in several counties of England, but generally regarded as an introduced plant, except perhaps near the southern coast. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

3. **Twiggy Mullein. Verbascum virgatum,** With.

(Eng. Bot. t. 550, *not good.*)

This may be a mere variety of the *moth M.*, but the glandular hairs are more abundant, and the pedicels of the flowers are very short, usually from 2 to 6 together under each bract.

Apparently limited on the Continent to western and central Europe, and generally less common there than the *moth M.*, although it has established itself here and there as a weed of cultivation in northern as well as tropical America and other distant lands. Rather more frequent in England than the *moth M.*, and has been found in Ireland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

4. **Dark Mullein. Verbascum nigrum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 59.)

Stem sparingly clothed with woolly hairs, 2 to 3 feet high, ending in a long, simple or slightly branched raceme. Leaves crenate, nearly glabrous on the upper side, slightly woolly underneath; the lower ones large, cordate-oblong, on long stalks; the upper ones nearly sessile, small, and pointed. Flowers numerous between each bract, more or less stalked, smaller than in the three last species. Corolla yellow, with bright-purple hairs to the filaments.

On banks and waysides, all over Europe and western Asia, except the extreme north. Truly indigenous in central and southern England, but believed to be naturalized only in northern England and southern Scotland, and not indicated in Ireland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

5. **White Mullein. Verbascum Lychnitis,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 58.)

About the size of the *dark M.*, or rather taller. Stem-leaves nearly sessile, the lower ones narrowed into a short footstalk, all nearly glabrous above, but covered underneath with a short, white, powdery down, which is also sprinkled over the stem, and more conspicuous on the calyxes. The racemes form a narrow, branching panicle, with erect branches. Flowers numerous, pale yellow or nearly white, the size of those of the *black M.* Hairs of the filaments white.

On banks and waysides, in Europe and western Asia, extending northwards into Scandinavia. In Britain, scattered over several parts of England and southern Scotland, but by no means a common plant. *Fl. summer.*

6. **Hoary Mullein. Verbascum pulverulentum,** Vill.
(Eng. Bot. t. 487.)

A stately species, growing often to the height of 3 feet or more, terminating in a long, stiff, pyramidal panicle, with spreading branches, and remarkable for the mealy white wool which clothes the whole plant but is easily rubbed off. Leaves sessile or the lower ones narrowed into a short footstalk, broadly oblong and crenate. Flowers numerous, in small clusters, about the size of the two last species, yellow, with white hairs to the filaments.

On roadsides, and dry, stony wastes, in central and especially southern Europe, not extending so far east as the preceding species, nor into northern Germany. In Britain, apparently confined to Norfolk, Suffolk, Surrey, and Hants. *Fl. summer.*

II. **SNAPDRAGON.** ANTIRRHINUM.

Herbs, with the lower leaves often opposite, the upper ones alternate, and the flowers, often showy, solitary in the axils of the upper leaves, or forming terminal racemes. Calyx deeply 5-cleft. Corolla with a broad tube, slightly protruding below the calyx on the lower side, but not spurred, as in *Linaria;* the divisions of the limb arranged in two lips, with a projecting *palate* closing the mouth. Capsule oblique, 2-celled, opening at the top by 2 or 3 pores.

The species are not numerous, chiefly confined to the Mediterranean regions, or more especially to south-western Europe.

Perennial, with showy flowers. Sepals broad and short . . . . . 1. *Great S.*
Annual. Sepals narrow, as long as the corolla . . . . . 2. *Lesser S.*

1. **Great Snapdragon. Antirrhinum majus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 129.)

Stem perennial at the base, forming a leafy tuft; the flowering branches erect, 1 to 2 feet high, glabrous or slightly downy, often branched. Leaves narrow-lanceolate or linear, entire. Flowers large, purplish-red (or, in gardens, white or variegated). Segments of the calyx broad and obtuse, not above 3 lines long. Corolla above an inch long, the so-called palate opening when the tube is pressed laterally between the finger and thumb, whence the popular name of the genus.

In clefts of rocks, old walls, and stony places, in the Mediterranean region, but, being much cultivated in gardens, it has become naturalized much further north, and is frequently found in similar situations in southern England and Ireland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

2. **Lesser Snapdragon. Antirrhinum Orontium,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1155.)

An erect annual, seldom above a foot high, much more slender than the *great S.*, with narrower leaves. Flowers scarcely 6 lines long, mostly in the axils of the upper leaves; the narrow, unequal segments of the calyx as long as or longer than the corolla.

Apparently indigenous in southern Europe, and widely spread as a weed of cultivation over the greater part of Europe and central Asia, and carried out to other countries. In Britain, it extends over southern and eastern England and southern Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

III. **LINARIA.** LINARIA.

This genus only differs from *Snapdragon* in the tube of the corolla, which is projected at the base into a conical or cylindrical spur. The species are more numerous, and the geographical range rather wider, but still the greater number are from southern and especially south-western Europe.

Stems erect or ascending. Leaves linear, oblong or rarely ovate, entire.
  Flowers yellow.
    Stems 1 to 3 feet high, erect from the base . . . . . 1. *Common L.*
    Stems scarcely 6 inches high, diffuse at the base . . . . . 4. *Supine L.*
  Flowers blue or purplish or striped.
    Perennial. Flowers on short pedicels, in terminal racemes. Spur short and conical . . . . . 2. *Pale L.*
    Annual. Flowers on short pedicels, in a short terminal raceme. Spur long and slender . . . . . 3. *Pelisser's L.*
    Annual. Flowers small, on long axillary pedicels. Spur short and conical . . . . . 5. *Lesser L.*
Stems trailing. Leaves ovate, orbicular, or angular.
  Plant quite glabrous. Leaves 5-lobed, with palmate nerves . . 6. *Ivy L.*
  Plant hairy. Leaves ovate or angular, with pinnate nerves.
    Leaves ovate or orbicular, very hairy. Peduncles hairy. Sepals broad . . . . . 7. *Round-leaved L.*

Leaves angular or hastate at the base, slightly hairy. Peduncles glabrous and slender. Sepals narrow . . . . . 8. *Pointed L.*

Several other species, such as *L. triphylla*, *purpurea*, and *bipartita*, cultivated in our flower-gardens, will occasionally sow themselves in the vicinity, but soon disappear again.

1. **Common Linaria.** **Linaria vulgaris,** Mœnch.

(*Antirrhinum Linaria*, Eng. Bot. t. 658. *Toadflax.*)

Rootstock shortly creeping. Stems erect, 1 to 3 feet high, of a glaucous green, and usually glabrous, except a few glandular hairs amongst the flowers. Leaves crowded, linear or narrow-lanceolate. Flowers large and yellow, forming a short but handsome terminal panicle. Calyx small. Spur of the corolla long and pointed; the projecting palate of the lower lip of a bright orange-colour, completely closing the tube. Capsule large and ovoid, with numerous rough seeds, surrounded by a narrow, scarious border.

In hedges, and on the borders of fields, in Europe and Russian Asia, and has been carried out with European crops to other parts of the world. Abundant all over the British Isles, excepting the Scotch Highlands, where it is more rare. *Fl. summer and autumn.* A singular deformity, called *Peloria*, occurs sometimes, in which the corollas are regular, with 5 spurs. Varieties are also occasionally found with smaller flowers, either yellow or striped, and without the border to the seeds. They are very rare, and supposed to be hybrids between this and the following species.

2. **Pale Linaria.** **Linaria repens,** Ait.

(*Antirrhinum*, Eng. Bot. t. 1253.)

Rootstock slender, and creeping to a considerable extent; the stems erect or decumbent at the base, from 8 or 10 inches to above 2 feet high, and glabrous. Leaves crowded or whorled at the base of the stem, scattered in the upper part. Flowers rather small but pretty, and slightly sweet-scented, forming short racemes, usually arranged in a terminal panicle. Corolla under 6 lines long, nearly white, but striped with bluish or purple veins; the spur usually very short and conical, but variable in length. Seeds wrinkled, without any scarious border.

In stony wastes, in southern and central Europe to the Caucasus, scarcely extending into Germany. Rare in Britain, occurring here and there in southern England and Ireland, or further north only as a straggler from gardens, where it was formerly frequently cultivated. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

3. **Pelisser's Linaria.** **Linaria Pelisseriana,** DC.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2832.)

An erect, glabrous, slender annual, scarcely branched, with very narrow linear leaves, few and distant. Flowers small, in a short terminal raceme; the corolla purple, with dark veins, and a long, slender-pointed spur.

In bushy wastes, and pastures, in western and southern Europe, along the Mediterranean region to the Caucasus, extending here and there into central Europe, and has been gathered in the Isle of Jersey. *Fl. June.*

4. **Supine Linaria.** **Linaria supina,** Desf.

Perennial stock short, with numerous branches, seldom 6 inches long,

decumbent at the base, simple or nearly so, glabrous or with a slight glandular down. Leaves linear; the lower ones and those of the barren stems whorled. Flowers yellow, in a short terminal raceme, rather smaller than in the *common L.*, with a long, slender spur. Seeds nearly flat, with a scarious wing.

In sandy or stony places, especially near the sea, in western Europe and the west Mediterranean region. Very abundant in southern France and Spain, extending up the western coast to the Channel, and occasionally found in Devonshire and Cornwall. *Fl. summer.*

5. **Lesser Linaria. Linaria minor,** Desf.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2014.)

A much branched, erect annual, 3 or 4 inches high, with a slight glandular down. Leaves, although linear, yet broader and more obtuse than in any of the preceding species, and narrowed at the base. Flowers very small, on long axillary peduncles; the corolla scarcely exceeding the calyx, of a pale purple or violet colour, with a short blunt spur. Seeds small, not bordered.

In waste and cultivated places, in temperate and southern Europe, extending northward far into Scandinavia and eastward to the Caucasus. In Britain, not unfrequent as a weed of cultivation in southern England, more rare in the north, in Ireland, and in Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

6. **Ivy Linaria. Linaria Cymbalaria,** Mill.

(*Antirrhinum*, Eng. Bot. t. 502.)

A perfectly glabrous, trailing perennial, with slender stems, often rooting at the nodes. Leaves stalked, broad, almost reniform, broadly 5-lobed, rather thick, and faintly marked with 3 or 5 palmate veins. Flowers small, solitary, on recurved axillary peduncles, of a pale lilac, with a rather short spur; the palate yellowish, closing the tube. Capsule nearly globular, containing several warted but not winged seeds.

On rocks, old walls, and stony places, in the Mediterranean region, and now naturalized in many parts of central and even northern Europe. In Britain, perfectly established in several counties of England and Ireland. *Fl. the whole season.*

7. **Round-leaved Linaria. Linaria spuria,** Mill.

(*Antirrhinum*, Eng. Bot. t. 691.)

A very hairy annual, with slender, branching, prostrate stems, 2 or 3 inches to a foot or more long. Leaves nearly sessile, broadly ovate or orbicular. Flowers solitary, on hairy peduncles, in the axils of the upper smaller leaves. Sepals ovate or broadly lanceolate. Corolla very small, yellowish, with a purple upper lip; the spur slender and recurved. Seeds warted, without wings.

In waste and stony places, in the Mediterranean region, and as a weed of cultivation in central Europe, but not extending so far north as the *pointed L.* In Britain, only in cultivated places, in southern and central England. *Fl. the whole season.*

8. **Pointed Linaria. Linaria Elatine,** Desf.

(*Antirrhinum*, Eng. Bot. t. 692.)

A prostrate annual, with the stem and leaves hairy, but less so than in

the *round-leaved L.*, which this plant resembles in most respects; the branches are, however, more slender, the leaves angular or hastate at the base, the peduncles much more slender, glabrous, and spreading at right angles, the sepals narrow-lanceolate, and the spur of the corolla straight.

In open woods, and heaths, in cultivated and waste places, in Europe and western and central Asia, extending northwards into southern Sweden. In Britain, chiefly as a weed of cultivation, but probably truly indigenous in southern England and Ireland; rare in the north, and unknown in Scotland. *Fl. the whole season.*

IV. **SCROPHULARIA.** SCROPHULARIA.

Herbs, usually erect, with angular stems, opposite leaves, and rather small flowers, of a dingy purple or yellow, in loose cymes forming a terminal panicle. Calyx more or less deeply 5-cleft. Corolla nearly globular, with short, broad lobes; the two upper ones erect and united into an upper lip; the two lateral ones often shorter and erect; the lowest one turned downwards. Stamens 4, turned downwards, with 1-celled anthers; a fifth barren stamen usually forming a scale under the upper lip. Capsule 2-celled, opening at the partition in 2 valves.

The species are numerous, having their great centre in the Mediterranean region and in central Asia, a few only extending over the rest of Europe, northern Asia, and a part of North America. The shape of the corolla readily distinguishes the genus from all others.

Leaves glabrous. Panicle almost leafless.
- Stem acutely angled but not winged, with numerous knotty tubers at its base. Leaves acute. Border of the sepals very narrow . . . . . 1. *Knotted S.*
- Stem 4-winged, without tubers at the base. Leaves usually obtuse. Sepals with a conspicuous scarious border . . . . . 2. *Water S.*

Leaves downy. Panicle leafy at the base, or cymes all axillary.
- Leaves cordate-triangular. Flowers dull purple, with a scale under the upper lip . . . . . 3. *Balm-leaved S.*
- Leaves orbicular or broadly cordate. Flowers yellow, without any scale under the upper lip . . . . . 4. *Yellow S.*

1. **Knotted Scrophularia. Scrophularia nodosa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1544. *Figwort.*)

A coarse, erect perennial, 2 to 3 feet high, glabrous or nearly so, with a disagreeable smell; the short stock emitting a number of small green knots or tubers. Stem sharply quadrangular. Leaves large, broadly ovate or heart-shaped, pointed, and doubly crenate or serrate. Panicle loosely pyramidal or oblong, usually sprinkled with minute glandular hairs. Lobes of the calyx rounded, with a very narrow, often scarcely perceptible, scarious border. Tube of the corolla of a pale greenish-purple, twice as long as the calyx; the upper lip more deeply coloured, much longer than the lateral lobes.

In rather moist cultivated and waste grounds, in Europe, Russian Asia, and some parts of North America. Extends all over Britain. *Fl. all summer.*

2. **Water Scrophularia. Scrophularia aquatica,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 854, and *S. Ehrharti*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2875.)

Very variable in size, but is generally taller and rather less branched than

the *knotted S.*, which it much resembles in habit and in flowers. The angles of the stem project into narrow wings, there are no tubers at its base, and the leaves are not so broad, and more obtuse. Panicle long and narrow. Lobes of the calyx surrounded by a scarious border, much more conspicuous than in the *knotted S.* Corolla of a dull purple.

In wet places, along ditches and sides of streams, in Europe and Russian Asia. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer.* It varies in the shape of the scale or barren stamen under the upper lip of the corolla, in station, and in the more or less acute teeth of the leaves, and two species have been generally distinguished: *S. Ehrharti*, a more luxuriant and leafy plant, with the scale much broader than long, and the capsule nearly globular; and *S. Balbisii*, growing in drier situations, the leaves more pointed, the scale often nearly orbicular, and the capsule more ovoid and pointed; but these differences in foliage and capsule do not always correspond with those of the shape of the scale, which will often vary in different flowers of the same plant.

3. **Balm-leaved Scrophularia. Scrophularia Scorodonia,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 2209.)

Very nearly allied to the *water S.* in all essential characters, and distinguished chiefly by its downy, wrinkled leaves, and by the panicle more leafy at its base. It is also usually a rather smaller plant, and the angles of the stem are never expanded into wings, and sometimes scarcely perceptible.

A west European species, extending southwards to Madeira, and northwards to Jersey, the extreme south-west of England, and the south of Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Yellow Scrophularia. Scrophularia vernalis,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 567.)

A hairy perennial, very different in aspect from the three preceding species, and not near so coarse. Stems seldom 2 feet high; the leaves nearly orbicular, cordate at the base, coarsely toothed, and of a light green colour. Peduncles almost all axillary, bearing a small cyme of yellow flowers; the 4 upper lobes of the corolla nearly of equal size, without any scale or barren stamen inside; the lowest lobe rather larger. Stamens longer than the tube of the corolla.

On roadsides, and waste or stony places, in the hilly districts of Europe, extending from France to the Caucasus. Occasionally found in England, but in most cases supposed to have been introduced. *Fl. spring.*

V. **MIMULUS.** MIMULUS.

Herbs, with opposite leaves, and yellow, purple, or pink flowers, growing singly on axillary peduncles. Calyx tubular, with 5 prominent angles, and 5 short teeth. Corolla with a broad tube, and 5 flat lobes arranged in two lips; the upper one 2-lobed and sometimes erect; the lower one spreading and 3-lobed, the central lobe often notched. Stamens 4. Capsule opening in 2 valves in the middle of the cells.

An American genus, which, besides the species now naturalized in Europe, comprises the *Musk Mimulus* and some others, occasionally cultivated in our gardens.

1. **Yellow Mimulus. Mimulus luteus,** Willd.

A perennial, with a shortly creeping rootstock, and erect or ascending stems, either glabrous or slightly downy, seldom above a foot high. Leaves ovate, coarsely toothed, glabrous. Peduncles 2 inches long or more, bearing a showy yellow flower, above an inch long, usually marked inside with several small purple spots at the mouth of the tube, and sometimes with a large purple-red or pink spot upon each lobe.

On the banks of streams, and in moist, shady places, in north-western America and Chili; long cultivated in our flower-gardens, and now naturalized in boggy places in many parts of Britain. *Fl. all summer.*

VI. **LIMOSEL.** LIMOSELLA.

Small, tufted or floating annuals; the leaves and minute flowers mostly radical. Calyx 5-toothed or -lobed. Corolla regular, campanulate, 5-lobed. Stamens 4. Anthers 1-celled. Capsule globular, with a very thin pericarp, scarcely dehiscent.

Besides our European species the genus comprises but very few from southern Africa and Asia.

1. **Common Limosel. Limosella aquatica,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 357.)

A glabrous annual, forming little tufts of 1 or 2 inches diameter. Leaves on long stalks, oblong and entire, all radical as well as the minute flowers; or occasionally a few slender stems are developed among the leaves, about an inch long, and bearing at their summit a similar tuft of leaves and flowers. Corolla of a pale rose-colour, scarcely longer than the calyx.

In wet mud, or in places where water has stood, throughout Europe and a great part of Asia, Africa, and North America. Thinly scattered in Britain, and very local in Scotland, but from its small size it may be frequently overlooked. *Fl. summer.*

VII. **SIBTHORPIA.** SIBTHORPIA.

Slender, hairy, trailing herbs, with alternate leaves, and small, axillary, yellow or pinkish flowers. Calyx of 4 or more divisions. Corolla nearly rotate, with 5 lobes, or one more than the calyx. Stamens of the same number as, or one less than, the lobes of the corolla. Anthers 2-celled. Capsule compressed, divided into 2 cells, and opening in the middle of the cells in 2 valves.

Besides the British species there is one from the Canary Islands, with larger yellow flowers, often cultivated in our gardens under the name of *Disandra prostrata*, and two from the Andes of South America.

1. **Common Sibthorpia. Sibthorpia europæa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 649.)

A perennial, with a small stock, and very slender creeping stems rooting at the nodes. Leaves small, on slender stalks, orbicular, deeply cordate at the base, crenate, and hairy. Flowers very minute, on short, axillary stalks.

Calyx with 4 narrow segments. Corolla scarcely longer, the 2 upper lobes yellowish, the 3 lower broader and pink.

In moist, shady places, along the western coasts of Europe, penetrating eastward to a very few stations round the Mediterranean, and extending northwards to the Channel Islands, southern Ireland, and the south-west of England. *Fl. summer.*

VIII. **FOXGLOVE.** DIGITALIS.

Biennials or perennials, with stout, erect, usually simple stems, alternate leaves, and showy flowers, in long, terminal, one-sided, simple racemes. Calyx of 5 unequal sepals or segments. Corolla tubular, contracted above the base, then much inflated, with the limb shortly 4- or 5-lobed; the lateral lobes outside the upper one in the bud, and the lowest usually the longest. Stamens 4. Capsule pointed, opening at the partition in 2 valves, with numerous small seeds.

A European and North Asiatic genus, of which several species besides our own are occasionally cultivated in flower-gardens, especially the yellow *D. grandiflora.*

1. **Purple Foxglove. Digitalis purpurea,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1297.)

Root usually biennial, but will sometimes form a stock, which will flower a second or even a third time. Radical leaves on long stalks, ovate or ovate-lanceolate, 6 inches long or more, coarsely veined and downy. Flowering stems 2 to 3 or even 4 feet high, with a few alternate shortly-stalked leaves in the lower part, the upper part occupied by a long stately raceme of purple flowers, each 1½ inches long. Four of the calyx-segments broad and leafy, the fifth upper one much narrower and more pointed. Corolla beautifully spotted inside, with 4 short lobes, the lowest about twice the length of the others and hairy inside.

On dry, hilly wastes, and roadsides, in many parts of western and central Europe, northwards into Scandinavia, but almost unknown in limestone districts. Abundant in several parts of Britain. *Fl. spring and summer.*

IX. **VERONICA.** VERONICA.

Herbs (or shrubs in a few exotic species), with opposite stem-leaves, and small flowers, usually blue or white, sometimes arranged in spikes or racemes, or in the axils of alternate floral leaves, 4- or 5-cleft. Corolla with a very short tube, the limb rotate, deeply 4-cleft, the lower segment the narrowest. Stamens 2. Capsule more or less flattened laterally (at right-angles to the partition), and opening round the edges in 2 valves. Seeds few.

A numerous genus in the northern hemisphere, with a few species spreading into the tropics and far into the southern hemisphere, whilst others are peculiar to Australia and New Zealand. Among the latter the *V. speciosa, salicifolia, Lindleyana,* and other shrubby or half-shrubby ones are much cultivated in our gardens.

Perennials, with the flowers in leafless spikes or racemes.
Spikes or racemes terminal.
Stem erect, with a long, dense, terminal spike of flowers . . 1. *Spiked V.*

Stems diffuse or very short. Racemes loose, few-flowered.
Stem shrubby at the base . . . . . 2. *Rock V.*
Stems herbaceous.
Stem erect or scarcely creeping at the base, 2 or 3 inches high. Flowers very few, in a short spike or head . . 3. *Alpine V.*
Stem creeping, and rooting at the base. Flowers in loose, often leafy spikes . . . . . 4. *Thyme-leaved V.*
Racemes axillary.
Plant glabrous.
Leaves linear or lanceolate. Stem diffuse. Racemes few and slender. Capsule very flat, broader than long . . 8. *Marsh V.*
Leaves lanceolate or oblong. Stem erect. Racemes numerous. Capsule as long or longer than broad . . . 6. *Water V.*
Leaves oblong or ovate, rather thick and obtuse. Stem diffuse 7. *Brooklime V.*
Plant more or less hairy.
Leaves much narrowed at the base. Flowers sessile or almost sessile . . . . . 5. *Common V.*
Leaves ovate, broad or cordate at the base. Flowers rather large and pedicellate.
Stem hairy all round. Capsule broadest in the middle . 9. *Mountain V.*
Stem with two opposite lines of long hairs. Capsule broadest towards the top . . . . . 10. *Germander V.*
Annuals. Flowers all, or at least the lower ones, solitary in the axils of the leaves.
Upper flowers forming a raceme. The upper leaves reduced to bracts.
Plant glabrous, creeping, and rooting at the base. Seeds ovate 4. *Thyme-leaved V.*
Plant downy or hairy, erect or procumbent, but not creeping.
Seeds cup-shaped.
Leaves ovate, coarsely toothed. Pedicels shorter than the calyx . . . . . 14. *Wall V.*
Leaves deeply cut.
Stems erect. Pedicels shorter than the calyx . . . . 15. *Vernal V.*
Stems decumbent. Pedicels as long as or longer than the calyx . . . . . 16. *Fingered V.*
All the flowers axillary. The upper leaves like the lower ones, but smaller. Stems procumbent. Seeds flat or nearly so.
Sepals heart-shaped at the base. Leaves rather thick, often long-stalked. Capsule 2- to 4-seeded . . . . . 11. *Ivy* V.
Sepals ovate or lanceolate. Leaves short-stalked. Capsule several-seeded.
Capsule twice as broad as long. Flowers rather large . . 13. *Buxbaum's V.*
Capsule but little broader than long. Flowers small . . . 12. *Procumbent V.*

1. **Spiked Veronica. Veronica spicata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2.)

Stock shortly creeping, hard, and almost woody; the stems ascending or erect, 6 inches to a foot high, usually simple. Leaves oblong or the lower ones ovate, downy, and slightly crenate. Flowers of a clear blue or sometimes pale pink, in a dense terminal spike; the lobes of the corolla narrower and less spreading, and the tube more apparent than in any other of the British species.

In hilly pastures, chiefly in limestone districts, over the greater part of the continent of Europe, and northern and western Asia, short of the Arctic regions. Rare in Britain, and chiefly in Suffolk and Cambridgeshire. *Fl. summer.* A larger and broader-leaved variety, sometimes distinguished under the name of *V. hybrida* (Eng. Bot. t. 673), occurs in Somersetshire and in some other western counties; and numerous varieties of this and the allied *V. paniculata* and *longifolia* have long been cultivated for ornament in cottage gardens.

2. **Rock Veronica. Veronica saxatilis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1027.)

A low, spreading perennial, glabrous in all its parts except a slight glan-

dular down in the upper part, branching and often woody at the base, with spreading or ascending flowering branches, 3 or 4 inches long. Leaves small, obovate or oblong, entire or nearly so, and rather firm. Racemes short, consisting of a few, rather large, bright-blue flowers, on short pedicels. Capsules ovate.

On alpine rocks, often at great elevations, in most of the great mountain-chains of Europe, extending northwards to the Arctic Circle, but scarcely into Asia. In Britain, not very abundant, and only in the highlands of Perthshire and some adjoining counties of Scotland. *Fl. summer.* A variety with smaller pink flowers has been distinguished under the name of *V. fruticulosa* (Eng. Bot. t. 1028), but it is very rare, and probably merely accidental.

3. **Alpine Veronica. Veronica alpina,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 484.)

Stock shortly creeping, but never woody as in the *rock V.*, and much less branched than in the *thyme-leaved V.* Flowering branches often solitary, always simple, ascending, from 2 to 4 or even 5 inches high, and slightly hairy. The raceme, when young, forms a short, slightly hairy head, and even in fruit is but little elongated, consisting of 4 or 5 rather small blue flowers, varying occasionally, as in other species, to a pale pink or flesh-colour.

In alpine situations, in most of the great chains of Europe, Asia, and North America, extending into high northern latitudes. In Britain, only near the summits of the higher mountains of Scotland, and not known in England or in Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Thyme-leaved Veronica. Veronica serpyllifolia,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1075.)

Stems shortly creeping, very much branched, forming a small, flat, dense, leafy tuft; the flowering branches ascending, 2 to 4 or 5 inches high. Leaves nearly sessile, ovate, seldom half an inch long, very slightly crenate, and usually glabrous as well as the rest of the plant. Flowers very small, of a pale blue or white, with darker streaks, sessile or shortly stalked, in terminal spikes or racemes; but the bracts, especially the lower ones, are rather large and leaf-like, so as to give the inflorescence much the appearance of that of the annual *Veronicas*. Capsule broad, and often rather deeply notched.

In pastures, fields, and waste places, in Europe and Russian and central Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle, and ascending to high alpine summits. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. spring and summer.* A variety with slightly downy stems occurs occasionally in the Scotch mountains.

5. **Common Veronica. Veronica officinalis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 765.)

Stems perennial at the base, much branched, creeping, and rooting at the nodes, extending sometimes to a foot or more, but usually about half that length. Leaves obovate or oblong, toothed, and hairy. Spikes or racemes like those of the preceding species, but hairy, and they are axillary, not terminal; for although sometimes, proceeding from the upper axils, they may appear terminal before the end of the branch has grown out, yet they are never really so. Flowers nearly sessile, rather small, pale blue or rarely flesh-coloured. Capsule obovate or obcordate, broader than it is long.

In woods, and rather dry bushy pastures, throughout Europe and Russian and central Asia, and now naturalized in North America. Extends over the whole of Britain. *Fl. the whole summer.*

6. **Water Veronica. Veronica Anagallis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 781.)

Rootstock shortly creeping, the stems erect and branching, from 6 inches to 2 feet high, often thick and succulent, glabrous as well as the whole plant. Leaves lanceolate, broad or narrow, sessile or clasping the stem at the base, more or less toothed. Racemes numerous, axillary, and opposite (in the axils of both leaves of each pair). Flowers rather small, pedicellate, pale blue. Capsules ovate, less flattened than in some species, and slightly notched at the top.

In wet ditches, and along streams and ponds, widely spread over Europe, Russian and central Asia, and North America, but not an Arctic plant. Extends all over Britain, to the northern extremity of Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

7. **Brooklime Veronica. Veronica Beccabunga,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 655. *Brooklime.*)

Stems procumbent or floating at their base, rooting at the nodes; the flowering branches ascending, thick and succulent, and, as well as the whole plant, quite glabrous. Leaves shortly stalked, ovate or oblong, obtuse, slightly toothed, and rather thick. Flowers small, blue or rarely pink, in opposite axillary racemes, often scarcely longer than the leaves. Capsule shorter than the calyx, broad and rather thick, and notched at the top.

In wet ditches, and along streams and ponds, in Europe, Russian and central Asia, and northern Africa, but scarcely extending to the Arctic regions. Common in Britain. *Fl. the whole summer.*

8. **Marsh Veronica. Veronica scutellata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 782.)

Rootstock slender and perennial, emitting creeping runners; the stems slender, ascending or spreading, seldom above 6 inches high, glabrous or rarely downy. Leaves linear-lanceolate, glabrous, entire or scarcely toothed. Flowers few, in very slender racemes, proceeding alternately from one axil only of each pair of leaves. Pedicels filiform. Corolla rather small, of a pale pinkish-blue. Capsule very flat, broad, and rather deeply notched.

In marshes, ditches, and wet places, in northern and central Europe, Russian Asia, and north America. Extends almost all over Britain. *Fl. summer.*

9. **Mountain Veronica. Veronica montana,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 766.)

The foliage is nearly that of the *Germander V.*, but the stem is more trailing, rooting at the nodes, and hairy all round; the leaves are on longer stalks; the racemes are looser and more slender, with fewer flowers, which are usually rather small, and the capsule is very flat, about 4 lines broad, and only 3 long, regularly orbicular, the broadest part being in the middle, notched at the top, and often minutely toothed, and ciliate round the edge.

In moist woods, over the whole of temperate Europe, from southern Sweden to southern Russia, but not so frequent as the *common V.* and the

Germander V. Not unfrequent in most parts of England and Ireland, as well as in several Scotch counties. *Fl. spring and summer.*

10. Germander Veronica. **Veronica Chamædrys,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 623.)

Stems weak, creeping at the base, then ascending, often above a foot long, and remarkable by the hairs collected into two opposite lines down the stem from between each pair of leaves to the leaf next below, whilst the rest of the stem is glabrous or nearly so. Leaves shortly stalked, ovate, cordate, crenate, and hairy. Racemes axillary, one only from each pair of leaves, much longer than the leaves, with rather larger bright blue, or rarely smaller pinkish flowers, on rather long pedicels. Calyx 5-cleft. Capsule flat, very broad, and notched at the top, narrowing towards the base.

In woods, pastures, hedge-banks, roadsides, etc.; very common all over Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle. Extends all over Britain. *Fl. spring and summer.*

11. Ivy Veronica. **Veronica hederæfolia,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 784.)

An annual, usually not so hairy as the *procumbent V.*; the leaves of a thicker and smoother consistence, more distinctly stalked, broadly orbicular, with 5 or 7 coarse teeth or short lobes, the middle one broad and rounded; but the chief distinction is in the calyx, the divisions of which are broadly heart-shaped, not narrowed at the base. Corolla and capsule nearly those of the *procumbent V.*, but there are usually but 1 or 2 seeds in each cell.

In waste and cultivated places, in Europe and Russian Asia, extending as a weed of cultivation over nearly the same area as the *procumbent V.*, but generally less abundant. In Britain, not near so common as the *procumbent V. Fl. all summer.*

12. Procumbent Veronica. **Veronica agrestis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 783, and Suppl. t. 2603.)

A more or less hairy, much branched annual, with procumbent or prostrate stems, from 3 to 8 or 10 inches long. Leaves shortly stalked, ovate and toothed; the lowest opposite, without flowers, but the greater number alternate, each with a pedicel in its axil, usually shorter than the leaf, bearing a single, small, blue or pinkish-white flower. Sepals ovate or oblong, usually longer than the corolla. Capsule composed of 2 ovoid, erect lobes, each containing a small number of seeds, which are rough and convex on the outside, and hollowed out into a cup on the inner face.

In waste and cultivated places; a very common weed all over Europe and Russian Asia, and introduced into North America and other countries. Very abundant in Britain. *Fl. the whole season.* It varies in the shape of the sepals, and the size and colour of the corolla, and has been divided into three more or less marked varieties or races:—*V. agrestis*, with oblong sepals, and white or pink flowers; *V. polita*, with ovate sepals, and larger blue flowers; *V. opaca*, with spathulate sepals and fewer seeds; but none of these characters have sufficient constancy to justify their maintenance as distinct species.

13. Buxbaum's Veronica. **Veronica Buxbaumii,** Ten.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2769.)

This closely resembles the *procumbent V.*, but is much larger in all its

parts; the pedicels are longer, the flowers larger, of a bright blue, and the lobes of the capsule are broad and divaricate, so that the whole capsule when ripe is about 4 lines broad and only 2 long.

A weed of cultivation, like the other annual species, but much more abundant in southern Europe and central Asia than in central or northern Europe. Occurs rather frequently in England and southern Scotland, but probably introduced with Clover or other seeds. *Fl. all summer.*

14. **Wall Veronica.** **Veronica arvensis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 734.)

A little, hairy annual, seldom 6 inches high, and often much smaller; the stems sometimes erect and simple, sometimes diffuse and branching at the base. Leaves almost sessile, opposite, ovate, and toothed, but not cut; the upper floral ones small, alternate, lanceolate, and entire. Flowers small and sessile, forming terminal, leafy racemes; the sepals oblong or lanceolate, unequal in size; the corolla very small, blue or nearly white. Capsule broad, much flattened, notched, each cell containing a small number of broad, flattened seeds.

In cultivated and waste places, banks, old walls, etc., throughout Europe and Russian Asia. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. the whole season.*

15. **Vernal Veronica.** **Veronica verna,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 25.)

A small, erect annual, seldom above 2 or 3 inches high, closely allied to the *wall V.*, of which it has the almost sessile flowers; but the stem-leaves are deeply cut into 3, 5, or 7 narrow lobes as in the *fingered V.*

A more southern species than the *wall V.*, widely spread over central and southern Europe, and south Russian Asia to the Altai, but rare in the north. In Britain, it has been found in a few localities in Norfolk and Suffolk. *Fl. spring and summer.*

16. **Fingered Veronica.** **Veronica triphyllos,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 26.)

Stem spreading, or almost trailing, as in the *procumbent V.* and the *Ivy V.*; but the leaves are deeply cut into 3, 5, or 7 digitate lobes, and the capsule and seeds are more like those of the *wall V.* Flower-stalks rather longer than the floral leaves, which are much smaller and less divided than the stem-leaves. Corolla small, of a deep blue. Capsule broad, with several thin but concave seeds.

In cultivated and waste places, widely spread over central and southern Europe and western Asia, extending northward into southern Sweden. Rare in Britain, having been only found in a few localities in Suffolk, Norfolk, and Yorkshire. *Fl. spring and summer.*

X. **BARTSIA.** BARTSIA.

Herbs, usually half-parasitical on the roots of other plants, with erect stems, opposite leaves, and yellow or purple flowers in terminal spikes. Calyx tubular or campanulate, 4-cleft. Corolla with a distinct tube; the limb 2-lipped; the upper lip erect, concave, entire or notched, but without spreading lobes. Stamens 4, in pairs; the cells of the anthers pointed at the base. Capsule opening in 2 valves in the middle of the cells. Seeds many, more or less striated or furrowed.

Rather a large genus, chiefly European, north African, and west Asiatic, but also with a considerable number of South American species. It has been divided into three or four distinct genera, distinguished chiefly by the seeds; but although I had myself on another occasion adopted three of them, it appears to me now to be a more natural and convenient course to consider them as sections of one genus, distinguished from *Eyebright* by the form of the corolla.

Spikes panicled. Flowers pink. Seeds few, pendulous . . . . . 3. *Red B.*
Spikes simple or nearly so. Seeds numerous.
Spikes short. Flowers dull-purple. Calyx campanulate. Seeds deeply furrowed . . . . . 1. *Alpine B.*
Spikes long. Flowers yellow. Calyx tubular. Seeds scarcely striated 2. *Viscid B.*

1. **Alpine Bartsia. Bartsia alpina,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 361.)

A hairy perennial, with a short rootstock, and erect stem 6 to 8 inches high. Leaves sessile, ovate and crenate, the floral ones rather smaller. Flowers in a short, leafy spike. Calyx deeply 4-lobed. Corolla of a dull livid-purple, 8 or 9 lines long, with a tube much longer than the calyx, and very short lobes to the lower lip. Anthers very hairy. Capsule ovate, longer than the calyx, with several deeply furrowed, almost winged seeds.

In mountain pastures, in the higher chains of central and northern Europe, to the Arctic regions. Rare in the higher mountains of Scotland and the north of England, and unknown in Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Viscid Bartsia. Bartsia viscosa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1045.)

An erect, rigid annual, often above a foot high, more or less clothed with a short, glutinous down; the root-fibres hard and wiry. Leaves lanceolate, coarsely toothed, the floral ones alternate. Flowers yellow, in a long terminal spike; the calyx tubular, 6 lines long, with 4 lanceolate lobes; the corolla half as long again, with the lower lip longer than the upper one. Anthers hairy. Capsule oblong, with very numerous, minute, scarcely striated seeds.

In fields and pastures, chiefly near the sea, in western Europe, and round the whole Mediterranean region, and has established itself in the Canary Islands and South America. In Britain, at present confined to some of the southern and the western maritime counties of England, to southern Ireland, and south-western Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

3. **Red Bartsia. Bartsia Odontites,** Huds.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1415.)

An erect, branching annual, seldom a foot high, slightly downy, and not glutinous. Leaves lanceolate and toothed. Flowers of a purplish red, in numerous one-sided spikes; the calyx campanulate, 4-cleft; the upper lip of the corolla longer than the lower one. Anthers scarcely hairy. Capsule oblong, with a few pendulous, furrowed seeds, as in *Eyebright*, but with the general habit and corolla of a *Bartsia*.

In fields and waste places, all over Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Generally distributed over Britain. *Fl. summer.*

XI. **EYEBRIGHT.** EUPHRASIA.

Erect annuals, or, in some exotic species, perennials, closely allied to

Bartsia, and differing chiefly in the corolla, which has the upper lip much less concave, with 2 lobes spreading laterally or turned back, and the lobes of the lower lip are more spreading, and usually notched. Seeds few, pendulous, and furrowed.

There is probably but one species of the genus in the northern hemisphere, but several others are natives of Australia and South America.

1. **Common Eyebright.** **Euphrasia officinalis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1416.)

A little, much branched annual, varying wonderfully in size, station, shape of the leaves, size and colour of the flowers, etc., and believed to be half-parasitic on the roots of grasses. It is most frequently from 2 to 6 inches high, glabrous or slightly downy. Leaves small, sessile, opposite, ovate, deeply toothed, the teeth of the lower ones obtuse, of the upper ones finely pointed. Flowers in loose, terminal, leafy spikes; the calyx with 4 or 5 pointed teeth; the corolla white or reddish, streaked with purple, and a yellow spot in the throat, the tube usually shorter than the spreading lobes. Capsule oblong. Sometimes, especially in high alpine regions, the whole plant is but 1 inch high, with minute, almost yellow flowers; when luxuriant it will attain 8 inches, with flowers near half an inch long. The leaves in some varieties are all broad, obtuse, almost orbicular, and the upper ones closely imbricated; in others they are all narrow, very pointed, and distant.

In pastures, throughout Europe and Russian and central Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions and the highest alpine summits. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer and autumn.* The numerous varieties are referred, by those who have studied them most, to two principal races,—the *common E.*, with a more glandular down, especially on the calyx, the teeth of the leaves obtuse, or the upper ones shortly pointed, the capsule broadly oblong, and the seeds ovoid; and the *wood E.* (*E. nemorosa*), which is never glandular, the teeth of the upper leaves at least ending in a fine point, the capsule very narrow, and the seeds spindle-shaped; but many forms occur in which these characters are differently combined, or pass gradually into each other.

XII. **RATTLE.** RHINANTHUS.

A genus limited to the single species described below, distinguished from *Pedicularis* chiefly by the calyx and capsule.

1. **Common Rattle.** **Rhinanthus Crista-galli,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 657.)

An erect, glabrous or slightly hairy annual, with a shortly branched, fibrous root, which attaches itself to the living roots of grasses and other plants by means of slightly enlarged suckers. Stem from a few inches to a foot high, simple or slightly branched. Leaves opposite, lanceolate, and more or less coarsely toothed; the floral ones broader, shorter, and more cut at the base. Flowers in a loose, leafy spike; the calyx nearly orbicular, inflated, but compressed, contracted at the mouth, with 4 small teeth. Corolla yellow, often with a purple spot on the upper, or upon both lips; the tube longer than the calyx; the upper lip laterally compressed, with a

tooth or lobe on each side in front; the lower lip shorter, with 3 spreading lobes. Stamens 4, in pairs, with obtuse, hairy anther-cells. Capsule orbicular, flattened, with a few large, flat, usually winged seeds.

In meadows and pastures, in Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions. Abundant in Britain, often causing much injury to the herbage. *Fl. summer, or sometimes later.* It varies much in stature, in the breadth of the leaves, in the size of the flower, and in the form of the teeth of the upper lip; and botanists have distinguished three supposed species,—the *larger R.* (*R. major*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2737), with large flowers; the *lesser R.*, with small flowers; and the *narrow R.*, with linear leaves; but further observation has shown that these forms are neither constant, nor marked enough to be separated even as permanent races.

XIII. **PEDICULARIS.** PEDICULARIS.

Herbs, with leaves alternate, or, in a very few species, whorled or nearly opposite, and pinnately lobed, toothed, or divided; and, in the British species, purple flowers, in leafy spikes or racemes. Calyx broadly tubular, inflated after flowering, with 2 to 5 irregular, often jagged teeth or lobes. Corolla with a distinct tube; the upper lip laterally compressed, entire or with a small tooth in front on each side. Stamens 4, in pairs, the anther-cells not pointed. Capsule flattened, more or less oblique at the top, with a few large seeds attached to the lower part.

A numerous genus in the mountains or colder regions of the northern hemisphere, extending far into the Arctic Circle, and found also in some of the tropical mountain-ranges. It is always readily known by the foliage and calyx.

Stems 1 to 2 feet high. Calyx with 2 short, broad, jagged lobes. Upper lip of the corolla with a tooth on each side, at or below the middle . . . . . 1. *Marsh P.*

Stems prostrate or spreading, not 6 inches long. Calyx 4- or 5-toothed. Upper lip of the corolla without any teeth at or below the middle . 2. *Common P.*

1. **Marsh Pedicularis. Pedicularis palustris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 399. *Red Rattle.*)

A nearly glabrous annual, with a rather thick root; the stems erect, or, in dry situations, decumbent at the base, much branched, about a foot high, or in water as much as 2 feet. Leaves often opposite, pinnate, with short, ovate, crenate or deeply cut segments; the floral ones alternate, and often twice pinnate. Flowers almost sessile in the axils of the upper leaves, of a deep purple-red. Calyx broad, with 2 broad, short, irregularly cut or jagged lobes. Upper lip of the corolla with 2 minute teeth on its inner edge just below the point, and 2 others below its middle. Capsule oblique, the short point projecting beyond the calyx.

In marshes, wet meadows, and watery ditches, in northern and central Europe, and Russian Asia, from the Altai to the Arctic regions. Generally spread over Britain, but not so common as the following species. *Fl. all summer.*

2. **Common Pedicularis. Pedicularis sylvatica,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 400. *Lousewort.*)

Rootstock perennial, with prostrate or spreading, branching stems, sel-

dom above 6 inches long. Leaves alternate, pinnate, with deeply cut, small segments. Flowers sessile in the upper axils, pink-red or rarely white. Calyx broadly oblong, with 5 unequal teeth or short lobes, the longer ones often toothed. Tube of the corolla much longer than the calyx, the upper lip with one minute tooth on each side, under the point.

In moist pastures, and meadows, all over western, central, and northern Europe, but disappearing in the south and the east. Common in Britain. *Fl. spring and summer.*

XIV. **MELAMPYRE.** MELAMPYRUM.

Erect or spreading herbs, probably semi-parasitical like the *Rattle*, with opposite leaves and branches; the floral leaves often passing into coloured bracts; the flowers yellow, purple or variegated, either axillary or in terminal leafy spikes. Calyx tubular or campanulate, with 4 teeth. Corolla with a distinct tube; the upper lip compressed, entire or with a small tooth or lobe on each side in front; the lower lip spreading, with 3 short lobes, and a more or less projecting palate closing the mouth of the tube or nearly so. Capsule ovate, oblique, with from 1 to 4 oblong seeds.

A small but distinct genus, confined to Europe and northern Asia.

Flowers variegated with purple, in short leafy spikes.
- Spikes closely imbricated, 4-sided. Floral leaves broadly cordate and finely toothed . . . . . 1. *Crested M.*
- Spikes oblong, rather loose. Floral leaves ovate, acuminate, with long slender teeth . . . . . 2. *Purple M.*

Flowers yellow, in distant axillary pairs, all turned one way.
- Upper floral leaves toothed at the base. Flowers pale yellow, 6 lines long or more . . . . . 3. *Common M.*
- Floral leaves all entire. Flowers deep yellow, 3 or 4 lines long 4. *Small-flowered M.*

1. **Crested Melampyre. Melampyrum cristatum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 41.)

Stem simple, or with a few broadly-spreading opposite branches, 8 inches to a foot high. Leaves lanceolate or linear and entire, or the upper ones toothed at the base. Flowers in a densely imbricated 4-sided spike, 1 to 1½ inches long; the floral leaves or bracts under each flower short and broad, finely but shortly toothed, and of a clear pink or purplish colour at the base. Corolla yellow, more or less variegated with purple, about 6 lines long.

In woods and thickets, over nearly the whole of Europe and Russian Asia, but not so common as some other species. In Britain, chiefly confined to eastern England. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Purple Melampyre. Melampyrum arvense,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 53. *Cowwheat.*)

A taller and handsomer plant than the *crested M.*, and usually covered with a very short close down. Leaves lanceolate, toothed at the base. Flowers in a long, loose, leafy spike, beautifully variegated; the bracts often longer than the flowers, at first pink, turning green as they advance, and bordered by long slender teeth. Calyx purplish-green, with similar long teeth. Corolla 6 to 8 lines long, with a pink tube, a bright yellow throat, and deep-red lips.

In cornfields, in temperate Europe, from south Sweden to the Caucasus, often proving very injurious to the crops. In Britain, hitherto confined to a few localities in southern England and in Norfolk. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Common Melampyre. Melampyrum pratense,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 113, *not good.*)

Stem erect or ascending, 6 inches to a foot high, with very spreading, opposite branches, usually glabrous or nearly so. Leaves lanceolate, the floral ones distant from each other, short, and often toothed at the base. Flowers pure yellow, in distant axillary pairs, all turned one way, and about 6 to 8 lines long; the teeth of the calyx usually erect and shorter than the tube, but they vary much both in length and direction.

Chiefly in woods, throughout Europe and Russian Asia. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

4. **Small-flowered Melampyre. Melampyrum sylvaticum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 804.)

Very near the *common M.*, and not always easy to distinguish from it. It is usually a smaller plant, with the floral leaves almost always entire, and the flowers very much smaller, of a deep yellow; the calycine teeth are more conspicuous, and the lower ones spreading. Corolla seldom above 4 lines long.

A high northern and alpine plant, not unfrequent in the woods of northern Europe and Asia, and in the high mountain-ranges of central Europe, the Caucasus, and Altai. In Britain, apparently limited to the Scotch Highlands and some parts of northern England. *Fl. summer.*

LVII. THE LABIATE FAMILY. LABIATÆ.

Herbs, or rarely shrubs, with quadrangular stems or branches, and leaves always opposite. Flowers in the axils of the upper leaves or bracts, rarely solitary in each axil, more frequently in cymes, often so closely clustered that the two opposite cymes appear like one whorl of 6, 10, or more flowers (sometimes called a *verticillaster* or false whorl), the whole forming usually a terminal compound spike, raceme, or panicle (more strictly termed a *thyrsus*). Besides the pair of floral leaves or bracts under the whorls, there are often smaller bracts to each flower in the whorl. Calyx 5-toothed, or rarely 2- or 3-lobed. Corolla with a distinct tube and a more or less irregular 4- or 5-lobed limb, usually forming two lips. Stamens 2 or 4, in 2 pairs. Ovary 4-lobed, with one erect ovule in each lobe, and a single style rising from the centre, and shortly cleft at the top into 2 stigmatic lobes. Fruit enclosed in the persistent calyx, separating into 4 small one-seeded and seed-like nuts.

A vast family, spread over every quarter of the globe, and readily known from all *Monopetals*, except the *Borage* family, by the 4-lobed ovary and the 4 small nuts resembling naked seeds in the bottom of the calyx; and from *Borragineæ* the *Labiates* are distinguished by their opposite leaves, the want of the fifth stamen, and usually by the more irregular flowers.

Most of the species have also a peculiar strong scent, either highly aromatic in many of our culinary potherbs, or as disagreeable in several species of *Stachys*. Distinct however as the whole family is, the genera into which it has been divided are much less so than could be wished. Those especially which are allied to *Stachys* are separated from it by slight differences in the shape of the calyx and corolla, which are not always easy to appreciate.

1 { Stamens, at least the longer ones, longer than the upper lip of the corolla . . . 12
  { Stamens in pairs, or 2 only, under the upper lip of the corolla 2
  { Stamens concealed within the tube of the corolla 16

2 { Calyx regularly 5-toothed. Stamens always 4 3
  { Calyx distinctly 2-lipped, the upper teeth more or less united into an upper lip, the 2 lower ones united or distinct. Stamens 4 or 2 9

3 { Calyx with 15 parallel ribs. Outer stamens the shortest . . . . . 7. NEPETA.
  { Calyx with 5 or 10 principal ribs or veins. Outer stamens the longest 4

4 { Lower leaves deeply divided. Upper lip of the corolla very hairy, almost woolly. 15. LEONURUS.
  { Lower leaves coarsely toothed. Upper lip of the corolla glabrous or hairy . . . 5

5 { Anthers opening by transverse valves, one valve fringed with small hairs. 13. GALEOPSIS.
  { Anthers opening by longitudinal valves 6

6 { Flowers bright yellow . . . . . *Yellow* LAMIUM.
  { Flowers purple, pink, or white 7

7 { Nuts flat and angular at the top. Lateral lobes of the lower lip of the corolla either very small and tooth-like or pointed. Anthers hairy . . . . . 16. LAMIUM.
  { Nuts rounded at the top. Lateral lobes of the lower lip usually obtuse. Anthers glabrous 8

8 { Calyx funnel-shaped, the teeth ovate, spreading, with a fine point . . 14. BALLOTA.
  { Calyx tubular or campanulate, with narrow-pointed teeth . . . . . 12. STACHYS.

9 { Calyx of 2 entire lobes, the upper one with a concave scale on the back 9. SKULLCAP.
  { Calyx with the upper lip more or less toothed or lobed, the lower one 2-cleft to the base 10

10 { Stamens 2 (the filaments branched, one branch with a perfect anther-cell, the other with an imperfect one) . . . . . 1. SAGE.
   { Stamens 4, each with a 2-celled anther 11

11 { Calyx broadly campanulate, veined, with 4 or 5 obtuse lobes or teeth . 10. MELITTIS.
   { Calyx upper-lip flat and angular, with 3 small teeth. Filaments with a small tooth below the anther . . . . . 8. PRUNELLA.
   { Calyx upper-lip 3-toothed, the tube 13-nerved, hairy inside at the top 6. CALAMINT.

12 { Lobes of the corolla nearly equal 13
   { Upper lobes of the corolla very short and tooth-like, lower ones elongated so as to make the corolla appear 1-lipped 17

13 { Stamens 2 . . . . . 2. LYCOPUS.
   { Stamens 4 14

14 { Corolla nearly regular, 4-lobed. Calyx equally 5-toothed, scarcely hairy in the throat . . . . . 3. MINT.
   { Upper lip of the corolla erect. Calyx very hairy in the throat 15

15 { Low, procumbent plant, with small leaves. Calyx distinctly 2-lipped . 4. THYME.
   { Erect plant. Flowers in heads, intermixed with bracts in a terminal panicle. Calyx nearly equally 5-toothed . . . . . 5. MARJORAM.

16 { Calyx with 10 recurved teeth. Stamens perfect . . . . . 11. HOREHOUND.
   { Calyx with 5 teeth. Stamens barren 14

17 { Short upper lip of the corolla deeply cleft into 2 teeth, between which the stamens protrude . . . . . 17. GERMANDER.
   { Short tooth-like upper lip entire or notched, behind the stamens . . . 18. BUGLE.

The genera of *Labiates* have been distributed into eight Tribes, of which the five following are represented in Britain :—

1. MONARDEÆ. Two ascending stamens, in which one cell of each anther is either wanting or separated from the other. *Genus*,—1. SAGE.

2. SATUREINEÆ. Two or four spreading or ascending stamens. Upper lip of the corolla with the lobes usually flat. *Genera:*—2. LYCOPUS; 3. MINT; 4. THYME; 5. MARJORAM; and 6. CALAMINT.

3. NEPETEÆ. Four ascending stamens, of which the upper or middle pair are the longest (project above the others), whilst in the preceding and two following tribes the lower or outer pair are the longest. *Genus*,—7. NEPETA.

4. STACHYDEÆ. Four ascending stamens. Upper lip of the corolla usually concave

or arched. *Genera*:—8. PRUNELLA; 9. SKULLCAP; 10. MELITTIS; 11. HOREHOUND; 12. STACHYS; 13. GALEOPSIS; 14. BALLOTA; 15. LEONURUS, and 16. LAMIUM.

5. AJUGOIDEÆ. Stamens ascending (4 in the British genera). Corolla apparently 1-lipped. *Genera*:—17. GERMANDER, and 18. BUGLE.

Among *Labiate* genera entirely exotic, the *sweet Basil* (*Ocymum*), *Lavender* (*Lavandula*), *Rosemary* (*Rosmarinus*), *Balm* (*Melissa*), *Savory* (*Satureia*), and *Hyssop* (*Hyssopus*), are cultivated among our culinary potherbs; several species of *Coleus*, including the *Patchouly*, in our hothouses; the shrubby *Phlomis* and *Leonotis*, and the herbaceous *Monardas* and *Dracocephalums*, and occasionally a few others, in our flower-gardens.

I. **SAGE.** SALVIA.

Herbs, or, in some exotic species, shrubs, with the flowers usually in whorls of 6 or more, forming terminal racemes or spikes, the floral leaves all or most of them reduced to mere bracts. Calyx 2-lipped, the upper lip entire or with 3 small teeth, the lower one 2-cleft. Corolla with the upper lip erect, concave, or arched; the lower spreading, 3-lobed; the middle lobe often notched or divided. Stamens really 2, although easily mistaken for 4, for the anthers have a long slender connectivum, having the appearance of a filament, fastened by the centre to the very short real filaments, and bearing at one end a perfect anther-cell under the upper lip of the corolla, and at the other end a small cell, almost always empty, and usually much deformed.

A very large genus, widely spread over the temperate and warmer regions of the globe, although within the tropics the majority of species are mountain plants. The structure of the stamens readily distinguishes them from all other *Labiates*.

Leaves mostly radical. Corolla large, near thrice as long as the calyx . 1. *Meadow S.*
Stem leafy. Corolla small, not twice the length of the calyx . . . . 2. *Wild S.*

Many exotic species are cultivated in our gardens, the *common* or *garden Sage* (*S. officinalis*) from southern Europe as a potherb, and several American ones for the beauty of their flowers.

1. **Meadow Sage. Salvia pratensis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 153.)

Stock perennial, with a spreading tuft of shortly stalked radical leaves, ovate, heart-shaped, or oblong, 2 to 6 inches long, coarsely toothed, and very much wrinkled. Stem 1 to 1½ feet high, slightly downy, with only a few narrow leaves near its base. Flowers in a long and handsome, terminal, simple or scarcely branched spike, composed of whorls of about 6 flowers, at regular distances. Upper lip of the calyx minutely 3-toothed. Corolla near thrice as long, of a rich blue, with a long, arched upper lip.

In dry pastures, roadsides, and waste places, in central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, extending northwards into Sweden and to the French side of the English Channel. Rare in England, and hitherto almost confined to the neighbourhood of Cobham, in Kent. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Wild Sage. Salvia verbenaca,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 154.)

A coarse, more or less hairy, erect perennial, 1 to 1½ or rarely 2 feet high, and slightly branched. Lower leaves stalked, ovate, coarsely toothed or lobed, and much wrinkled; the upper ones sessile, broader and shorter; the

bract-like floral leaves small, heart-shaped, and entire. Flowers small, blue, in whorls of about 6, forming terminal hairy spikes; the corolla seldom twice the length of the calyx.

In waste places, on roadsides, etc., in northern and central Europe and Russian Asia. Scattered over England, Ireland, and southern Scotland as far as Edinburgh. *Fl. summer.* In southern Europe it is replaced by the small-flowered *S. clandestina*, a marked variety or perhaps species, on a smaller scale, with narrower, more cut leaves, and smaller flowers, which has been indicated in some parts of south-western England and in the Channel Islands, but all the British specimens I have seen are nearer to the common *wild S.*

II. **LYCOPUS.** LYCOPUS.

Herbs, with the habit and flowers of a *Mint*, but with only 2 stamens, and the nuts surrounded by a thickened, somewhat corky border.

Besides the British species there are but very few, dispersed over Europe, Asia, and North America. Perhaps indeed all but one may be mere varieties of the common one.

1. Common Lycopus. **Lycopus europæus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1105. *Gipsywort.*)

A tall, erect, and branching perennial, slightly hairy, with a shortly creeping rootstock. Leaves shortly stalked, lanceolate or almost ovate, deeply toothed or pinnatifid. Flowers small and very numerous, in dense axillary whorls or clusters, seldom exceeding the leafstalk. Calyx-teeth 5, stiff and pointed. Corolla scarcely exceeding the calyx-teeth, and nearly equally 4-lobed. Stamens rather longer.

In wet ditches, and marshes, throughout Europe, Russian and central Asia, and North America, and perhaps the same species in Australia. Abundant in England and Ireland, extending into Scotland, but becoming rare as it advances northward. *Fl. summer.*

III. **MINT.** MENTHA.

Perennial herbs, usually downy or hairy, with rather small flowers in dense whorls or clusters, which are either collected in terminal heads or spikes, or axillary and distant. Calyx of 5 teeth, regular or slightly 2-lipped. Corolla with a short tube and a campanulate 4-lobed limb, the upper lobe rather broader and sometimes slightly notched. Stamens 4, equal and erect, the anthers 2-celled. Nuts smooth, not bordered.

A natural genus, not numerous in species, but widely diffused over the greater part of the globe without the tropics, and most of the species, from the variety of situation to which they will adapt themselves, vary so much as to render their exact definition almost hopeless. Many of them also propagate so readily from suckers, that individual varieties are perpetuated so as to assume the appearance of species. Almost all the species vary in the stamens, in some individuals much longer than the corolla, in others included within the tube, and often barren; and in several species individuals occur with all the leaves crisped and cut, and have been published as distinct, under the names of *M. crispa* or *crispata.*

Whorls of flowers in terminal spikes or heads.
Leaves mostly sessile. Flowers in spikes.
Leaves and stem downy or hairy.
Leaves narrow-ovate or lanceolate . . . . . 1. *Horse M.*
Leaves broadly ovate or orbicular . . . . . 2. *Round-leaved M.*
Leaves and stem glabrous . . . . . 3. *Spear M.*
Leaves all shortly stalked.
Flowers in cylindrical or elongated spikes . . . . . 4. *Pepper M.*
Flowers in terminal, globular or ovoid heads (rarely with a few dense clusters below the terminal one) . . . . . 5. *Water M.*
Whorls of flowers all axillary, the last (terminal) pair of leaves having no flowers or only a very small whorl.
Flowering-stems ascending or erect. Leaves coarsely crenate.
Throat of the calyx not closed with hairs.
Calyx tubular, with narrow teeth . . . . . 6. *Whorled M.*
Calyx campanulate, with short teeth . . . . . 7. *Corn M.*
Flowering stems prostrate. Leaves small. Throat of the calyx closed with hairs . . . . . 8. *Pennyroyal M.*

1. **Horse Mint. Mentha sylvestris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 686.)

Rootstock, as in most *Mints*, more or less creeping, the stems 1 to 2 feet high, erect, slightly branched, and, as well as the whole plant, more or less hoary with a short close down. Leaves closely sessile, broadly lanceolate or narrow-ovate. Flowers small and numerous, in dense cylindrical spikes, 1 to 2 inches long, usually several together, forming an oblong terminal panicle.

In wet pastures, and waste places, along ditches, etc., in temperate and southern Europe and Russian and central Asia, but does not extend far north. In Britain, it appears to be confined to England and Ireland, and rare in the northern counties, the few Scotch localities indicated belonging more probably to the following. *Fl. summer, rather late.*

2. **Round-leaved Mint. Mentha rotundifolia,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 446.)

An erect perennial, like the *horse M.*, but coarser, greener, and more hairy. Leaves broadly ovate or orbicular, much wrinkled, green above and whitish underneath. Spikes of flowers terminal and cylindrical, more slender than in the last, 1 to 2 inches or rather more in length, forming a leafy, somewhat spreading panicle. Flowers small, pale pink or sometimes white.

Nearly as widely diffused over Europe and temperate Asia as the last, but rather more of a western plant. It spreads also more readily as an accompaniment of cultivation. In Britain, rather more common than the *horse M.*, extending into Scotland and Ireland, but probably in many cases introduced. *Fl. summer, rather late.* Specimens occur occasionally so nearly intermediate between the two species that it is difficult to say to which they belong unless seen growing in masses.

3. **Spear Mint. Mentha viridis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2424.)

An erect or ascending perennial, with the narrow leaves sessile or nearly so, and the cylindrical terminal spikes of the *horse M.*, but the stem and leaves are green and glabrous, although there are often hairs on the calyx and bracts.

Chiefly known in Europe, Asia, and North America, as the common *Mint* of gardens, and only found apparently wild in countries where it has

been long cultivated. Occurs occasionally in Britain under similar circumstances. *Ft. end of summer.* It is not improbably a mere variety of the *horse M.*, of garden or accidental origin, rendered perpetual by its ready propagation by suckers.

4. **Pepper Mint. Mentha piperita,** Sm.

(Eng. Bot. t. 687.)

A perennial, less erect than the *spear M.*, glabrous like that species or nearly so. Leaves more stalked and broader. Spikes fuller, consisting of larger whorls; the lower ones often distant, showing an approach to the character of the *water M.*

The common pungent variety appears to be of garden origin, occasionally spreading in wet places in several parts of Europe. Indicated in several localities in England and Ireland. *Fl. end of summer.* It may possibly prove to be a mere variety of the *water M.*

5. **Water Mint. Mentha aquatica,** Linn.

(*M. hirsuta*, Eng. Bot. t. 447, and *M. odorata*, t. 1025.)

Usually a rather coarse perennial, 1 to 1½ feet high, much branched, and almost always softly hairy, although some varieties become nearly glabrous. Leaves stalked, ovate or slightly heart-shaped. Flowers larger than in the *horse M.* and the *round-leaved M.*, in dense, terminal, globular or oblong heads, of more than half an inch in diameter, with occasionally 1, 2, or more additional whorls in the axils of the upper leaves. Calyx tubular, about 1½ lines long, with fine pointed teeth.

In wet ditches, and marshes, and on the edges of streams, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, and now naturalized in many other countries. Abundant in Britain generally, but, like the two following, becomes rarer in the north of Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

6. **Whorled Mint. Mentha sativa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 448, and *M. acutifolia*, t. 2415.)

Intermediate, as it were, between the *water M.* and the *corn M.*, this plant has the foliage and calyx of the former, but the stem is less erect and often low and spreading, as in the *corn M.*, and the flowers, as in the latter species, are all in distinct axillary whorls, without any terminal head or spike, or with only a very few flowers in the axils of the last pair of floral leaves. Its chief difference from the *corn M.* is in the more tubular, longer calyx, and larger flowers; but intermediate forms are so numerous, connecting it on the one hand with the *corn M.* and on the other with the *water M.*, that many botanists have considered it as a mere variety of the one or of the other. These points cannot be determined without a long course of experiments and observations made on a succession of seedlings, which are as rare in this as in other species of the genus.

As widely spread as the *corn M.*, all over temperate and northern Europe, and Russian Asia, but growing usually in moister situations and richer soils. Common in Britain. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

7. **Corn Mint. Mentha arvensis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2119, *M. agrestis*, t. 2120, and *M. gentilis*, t. 449 and 2118.)

Usually a low, spreading, branched perennial, more or less hairy, with a creeping rootstock, and annual stems, from 6 inches to a foot long, rarely

rising erect to the height of 1 or 2 feet. Leaves stalked, ovate, and toothed, 1 to 2 inches long, or the upper ones smaller. Flowers all in axillary whorls, mostly shorter than the leafstalks; the last pair of leaves without any or with only very few flowers. Calyx campanulate, seldom above a line long, with short teeth. Corolla twice as long.

In fields and moist places, in temperate and northern Europe and Russian Asia; rarer to the southward, but introduced with cultivation into many other parts of the globe. Abundant in Britain, although less so than the *water M.*, and, like that species, becomes rarer towards the north of Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.* It varies much in stature, in hairiness, in the size of the leaves, etc.

8. **Pennyroyal Mint.** **Mentha Pulegium,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1026. *Pennyroyal.*)

A prostrate, much branched perennial, with the leaves very much smaller than in any other *Mint*, being seldom above half an inch long, and quite entire or seldom slightly crenate; the floral ones still smaller, and often recurved. Flowers in dense axillary whorls, like those of the *corn M.*, except that the calyx-teeth are less regular, with the mouth closed by hairs, and the upper lobe of the corolla is more evidently notched, thus showing a slight approach to the characters of *Thyme*.

In wet ditches, and marshy places, most abundant in the Mediterranean region, but extending over Europe and western Asia, and introduced into other parts of the world. Scattered over the greater part of England and southern Ireland, but appears to have been falsely indicated in Scotland. *Fl. end of summer.*

IV. **THYME.** THYMUS.

Low, much branched, spreading or procumbent undershrubs or herbs, with small leaves, usually entire, and flowers in terminal leafy heads or loose spikes. Calyx 2-lipped; the upper lip 3-toothed, the lower 2-cleft, the mouth closed with hairs after flowering. Corolla with the upper lip erect, nearly flat; the lower spreading, broadly 3-lobed. Stamens (when perfect) 4, the lower ones diverging, as long as or longer than the corolla.

The genus comprises several species, chiefly from the Mediterranean region and central Asia, where they are very variable and often difficult to determine. In northern Europe, however, there is but one species wild. The *garden Thyme*, so much cultivated as a potherb, is the *T. vulgaris*, from southern Europe.

1. **Wild Thyme.** **Thymus Serpyllum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1514. *T. Chamædrys*, Bab. Man.)

Stems procumbent, slender, very much branched, perennial, and hard-but scarcely woody at the base, forming low dense tufts, from a few inches to near a foot in diameter, and often almost covered with the purple flowers. Leaves very small, ovate or oblong, fringed at the base by a very few long hairs on each side; the floral leaves similar but smaller. Flowers usually 6 in the whorl, without any other bracts than the floral leaves, forming short, terminal, loose, leafy spikes. Calyx usually hairy, and the whole plant sometimes covered with short, rather stiff, hoary hairs.

On banks, and dry, hilly pastures, throughout Europe and northern and central Asia. Very abundant in Britain. *Fl. the whole summer.*

V. **MARJORAM.** ORIGANUM.

Herbs or undershrubs, with the flowers and principal characters of *Thyme*, but of taller growth, and especially differing in inflorescence. The flowers are in compact heads, with a bract under each flower at least as long as the calyx, the whole forming terminal corymbs or panicles. The calyx is also variable, in our species more regular than in *Thyme*, in some exotic ones quite as decidedly 2-lipped as in that genus, and the lips sometimes entire.

Besides our common species, the greater number of *Marjorams* are east Mediterranean, including the *sweet Marjoram* of our gardens.

1. **Wild Marjoram. Origanum vulgare,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1143.)

Rootstock perennial, shortly creeping; the annual stems erect, 1 to 2 feet high, more or less hairy. Leaves stalked, ovate or ovate-lanceolate, an inch or more long, and slightly toothed. Flowers purple or rarely white, in globular compact heads, forming a terminal trichotomous panicle. Bracts ovate, about the length of the calyx. Calyx very hairy inside the mouth, with short, nearly equal teeth. Corolla twice as long as the calyx, with 4 broad, nearly equal lobes, of which the upper one is broader and nearly erect. The two longest stamens, and sometimes all four, project beyond the corolla.

On the edges of woods, roadsides, and hilly pastures, especially in limestone districts, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. In Britain, spread over England, Ireland, and western Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

VI. **CALAMINT.** CALAMINTHA.

Branching, erect or ascending herbs, with ovate, toothed leaves, and purplish flowers in axillary cymes, sometimes forming dense whorls, sometimes loose and paniculate. Calyx tubular, with 13 longitudinal parallel ribs (two between the midribs of the lower teeth, and one only between the midribs of the upper teeth), and 5 pointed teeth; the 3 upper teeth more or less connected at the base into an upper lip; the mouth more or less closed with hairs. Corolla-tube usually longer than the calyx; the upper lip erect and slightly concave; the lower one spreading, with 3 broad lobes. Stamens 4, in pairs under the upper lip, the outer ones the longest but not spreading beyond the corolla.

A considerable genus, spread over the temperate regions of the northern hemisphere, both in the new and the old world. It is distinguished from *Thyme* and *Marjoram* chiefly by the longer corolla and the stamens not diverging, from all the following by the arrangement of the ribs or nerves of the calyx.

Annual. Calyx-tube enlarged at the base on the lower side. Flowers in axillary whorls of six . . . . . 1. *Field C.*

Perennials. Calyx-tube not enlarged at the base.

Cymes axillary, many-flowered, forming dense whorls, with linear bracts as long as the calyxes . . . . . 3. *Hedge C.*

Cymes loose, axillary, and few-flowered or loosely paniculate. Bracts small, or none besides the floral leaves . . . . . 2. *Common C.*

An American *Calamint* with red flowers is occasionally cultivated in our gardens. The *common Balm* (*Melissa officinalis*), which often establishes itself for a time as an outcast from gardens, in the southern districts of England, much resembles a *Calamint;* it is however a coarser plant, and is distinguished as a genus chiefly by a slight curve upwards in the tube of the corolla.

1. **Field Calamint. Calamintha Acinos,** Clairv.

(*Thymus*, Eng. Bot. t. 411. *Basil Thyme.*)

A more or less branched annual, 6 or 8 inches high, and slightly downy. Leaves stalked, rather small, narrow-ovate, pointed, slightly toothed. Flowers pale-purple or white, in axillary whorls of about 6, on short, erect pedicels, without bracts. Calyx strongly ribbed ; the tube much enlarged on the under side at the base, contracted again at the mouth ; the teeth short and fine. Corolla in the common variety but little longer than the calyx, although occasionally near twice as long.

In waste places, or more frequently as a weed of cultivation, in Europe and western Asia, extending northward into Scandinavia. Dispersed over England, Ireland, and a portion of Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Common Calamint. Calamintha officinalis,** Mœnch.

A more or less hairy perennial ; the rootstock often creeping ; the stem ascending or erect, with straggling branches, 1 to 2 feet high or even more. Leaves stalked, ovate, and toothed. Flowers very variable in size, usually turned to one side, in loose cymes, which are sometimes all axillary, with 6 to 10 flowers in each, sometimes looser, on peduncles as long or longer than the leaves, and forming terminal, one-sided, leafy panicles. Calyx tubular, ribbed, not swollen at the base ; the teeth finely pointed, those of the lower lip finer and longer than the upper ones.

In woods, hedges, roadsides, and waste places, in central and southern Europe and Russian Asia, but scarcely extending into northern Germany. Frequent in England and Ireland, but not in Scotland. *Fl. summer.* The following marked varieties have been usually considered as species, but they run so much into one another that botanists are now disposed to unite them :—

a. *Small-flowered C.* (*Thymus Nepeta*, Eng. Bot. t. 1414.) Rootstock scarcely creeping. Leaves about half an inch long, nearly entire. Flowers about 6 lines long, the cymes contracted into loose whorls of about 10, the corolla half as long again as the calyx. On dry, open, sunny banks. Abundant on the Continent, and not uncommon in England.

b. *Common C.* (*Thymus Calamintha*, Eng. Bot. t. 1676.) Leaves larger than in the last, and more toothed. Flowers nearly twice as long as the calyx. Intermediate between the two other varieties, and not quite so common as either.

c. *Wood C.* (*C. sylvatica*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2897.) Rootstock more creeping. Stem taller. Leaves often 2 to 3 inches long. Cymes loose. Flowers showy, often an inch long, the corolla full twice as long as the calyx. In woods, and under hedges, common on the Continent, especially in the south, but not extending in Britain beyond the Isle of Wight.

3. **Hedge Calamint. Calamintha Clinopodium,** Benth.
(*Clinopodium vulgare*, Eng. Bot. t. 1401. *Wild Basil.*)

Rootstock shortly creeping. Stems annual, erect or ascending, branched, and softly hairy, 1 to 2 feet high. Leaves stalked, ovate, slightly toothed, almost 2 inches long, soft and hairy. Flowers purple, in dense cymes, forming compact whorls or heads in the axils of the upper leaves, or at the ends of the branches, and surrounded by subulate, hairy bracts. Calyx about 3 lines long, with subulate, hairy teeth, the 3 upper ones shortly united by their broad base. Tube of the corolla rather longer than the calyx-teeth.

Under hedges, and on the borders of woods, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Rather frequent in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

VII. **NEPETA.** NEPETA.

Creeping or erect herbs, with flowers usually blue, in axillary whorls or terminal spikes. Calyx tubular, 15-ribbed, its mouth oblique and 5-toothed, the upper teeth usually the longest. Corolla with a rather long tube, the throat enlarged; the upper lip erect, slightly concave, notched or 2-lobed; the lower lip spreading and 3-lobed. Stamens 4, in pairs under the upper lip, the upper or inner pair the longest.

An extensive European and Asiatic genus, the great centre of which is in western Asia. With a few other exotic genera, it forms a tribe among *Labiates* known as well by the ribs of the calyx always 15, not 13 as in *Calamint*, nor 10 or 5 as in the generality of *Labiates*, as by the stamens, of which the upper or central pair project above the outer ones, whilst in most *Labiates* the outer ones project above the inner ones.

Stem creeping or prostrate. Flowers axillary . . . . . 1. *Ground-Ivy N.*
Stem tall and erect. Flowers in terminal spikes or clusters . . . 2. *Catmint N.*

The *N. Nepetella*, from continental Europe, and one or two eastern species, are occasionally cultivated in flower-gardens.

1. **Ground-Ivy Nepeta. Nepeta Glechoma,** Benth.
(*Glechoma hederacea*, Eng. Bot. t. 853. *Ground-Ivy.*)

A more of less hairy perennial, creeping and rooting at the base, often to a considerable length; the flowering stems shortly ascending. Leaves orbicular, crenate, deeply cordate at the base, the lower ones on rather long stalks. Flowers blue, from ¾ to near an inch long, in axillary whorls of about 6; the tube of the corolla at least twice as long as the calyx.

Under hedges, on banks, edges of woods, and waste places, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, excepting the extreme north, extending eastward to Japan. Very abundant in Britain. *Fl. early spring.*

2. **Catmint Nepeta. Nepeta Cataria,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. 137. *Catmint.*)

An erect, branching perennial, 2 feet high or more, of a pale green, or somewhat hoary with minute down. Leaves stalked, ovate-cordate, pointed, and coarsely toothed, often whitish underneath. Flowers rather small, pale blue or nearly white, crowded in compact cymes, forming short,

oblong spikes at the ends of the branches, with frequently one or two clusters a little lower down. Calyx softly downy, nearly as long as the tube of the corolla.

In hedges, on roadsides and waste places, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Tolerably frequent in the south and centre of England, and in Ireland; less so in the north, and rare in Scotland. *Fl. summer, rather late.*

VIII. **PRUNELLA.** PRUNELLA.

Low, branching, hairy perennials, with the flowers in whorls of 6, but collected into dense terminal heads, with broad, bract-like floral leaves under each whorl, and no real bracts. Calyx 2-lipped, the upper lip flat, the lower deeply 2-lobed, the mouth not closed with hairs. Upper lip of the corolla erect, concave, short, broad, and nearly entire; the lower one spreading, 3-lobed. Stamens 4, in pairs under the upper lip, each filament with a small tooth below the anthers.

A very distinct genus, containing, besides the British one, but two species, both natives of the continent of Europe; one of which, *P. grandiflora*, chiefly distinguished by the large size of its flowers, is often cultivated in cottage-gardens.

1. **Common Prunella. Prunella vulgaris** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 961. *Self-heal.*)

Stem procumbent or creeping, and rooting at the base, with ascending flowering branches, sometimes 2 or 3 inches, rarely near a foot high. Leaves stalked, ovate, and nearly entire. Spikes of flowers at first very short but lengthening out to 1 or even 2 inches, with a pair of leaves close under it. Corolla usually of a violet purple, about 6 lines long, but varying much in size and depth of colour; the upper lip bends over the lower one, which is scarcely longer, with a broad, finely toothed middle lobe.

In pastures, on banks, etc., especially in rather moist situations, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, to the Arctic regions, extending also over many parts of North America, penetrating into the tropical mountains of America and Asia, and reappearing in Australia. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer and autumn.* In some counties it varies much more than in Britain, in stature and foliage, as well as in the size and colour of the flowers.

IX. **SKULLCAP.** SCUTELLARIA.

Herbs (rarely shrubby in some exotic species), usually rather weak or straggling, with the flowers always solitary in the axil of each leaf, either all in distant axillary pairs, or, in some exotic species, forming terminal spikes or racemes. Calyx divided into 2 lips, both entire; the upper one bearing on its back a hollow, scale-like protuberance. Corolla with a rather long tube, and small, nearly closed lips, the upper one concave, the lower one 3-lobed. Stamens 4, in pairs, the anthers of the lower pair 1-celled. Nuts raised on a short, oblique or curved stalk.

A rather large genus, widely distributed over the temperate and some of the warmer regions of the globe, and easily recognized, either by its inflorescence, calyx, stamens, or ovary and fruit.

Stem usually 8 inches to a foot high. Flowers blue, rather large . . . 1. *Common S.*
Stem usually under 6 inches. Flowers pink, and small . . . . . 2. *Lesser S.*

Some of the Mexican or South American half-shrubby species, with scarlet flowers, are occasionally cultivated in our planthouses.

1. Common Skullcap. Scutellaria galericulata, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 523.)

A weak, slightly downy perennial, with a slender, creeping rootstock, and slightly branched, ascending stems, 8 inches to a foot high. Leaves nearly sessile, ovate-lanceolate, slightly toothed. Flowers nearly sessile, opposite, in axillary pairs along the greater part of the stem, and all turned to one side; the corolla more than 6 lines long, of a rather dingy blue; the tube very slender below, considerably enlarged at the throat.

In wet, shady, or stony places, in Europe, northern Asia, and north-east America, extending from the Himalaya and the Caucasus to the Arctic Circle, but rarer in the Mediterranean region. Tolerably frequent in England and Ireland, less so in Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

2. Lesser Skullcap. Scutellaria minor, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 524.)

A very small, and usually more glabrous plant than the *common S.*, with slender stems, seldom 6 inches long. Leaves of the same shape, but nearly entire. Flowers shortly stalked, scarcely above 3 lines long, of a pale pink.

In moist heaths or marshy sands, chiefly in western Europe, more rare in central Europe, extending however across northern Germany into Russia and central Asia, but neither a high northern, nor scarcely a Mediterranean plant. In Britain, chiefly in western England, Ireland, and south-western Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

X. MELITTIS. MELITTIS.

A genus limited to a single species, differing from the long-flowered *Stachys* chiefly by its large calyx, usually 3-lobed, and by its axillary flowers.

1. Balm Melittis. Melittis Melissophyllum, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 577, and *M. grandiflora*, t. 636.)

An erect and slightly hairy perennial; the stems nearly simple, 1 to 1½ feet high. Leaves stalked, heart-shaped, and coarsely toothed, about 2 inches long. Flowers pink, or variegated with white and purple, in axillary whorls of 2 to 6, shorter than the leaves. Calyx of a thin texture, broadly campanulate, with 3 broad, rounded lobes, of which the upper one is sometimes 2- or 3-toothed. Corolla with a broad tube, near an inch long; the upper lip thrown back and slightly concave; the lower lip large, spreading, and 3-lobed. Stamens 4, in pairs, projecting slightly from the tube.

In woods and shady places, in temperate and southern Europe and western Asia, not extending into northern Germany. In Britain, confined to a few localities in southern and south-western England. *Fl. summer.*

XI. **HOREHOUND.** MARRUBIUM.

Perennial herbs, usually cottony or woolly, with much wrinkled leaves and rather small flowers in axillary whorls or clusters. Calyx with 5 or 10 ribs and as many equal pointed teeth. Corolla with a short tube; the upper lip erect, usually notched; the lower lip spreading and 3-lobed. Stamens 4, included within the tube of the corolla, all the anthers 2-celled. Nuts rounded at the top.

A rather numerous genus in southern Europe and western Asia, readily distinguished amongst British *Labiates* by the included stamens, and in that respect allied to the extensive south European genus *Sideritis*, which however has different anthers.

1. **Common Horehound.** **Marrubium vulgare,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 410. *White Horehound.*)

Stem rather thick, a foot and a half high, with spreading branches, thickly covered with a white cottony wool. Leaves stalked, orbicular, soft, and much wrinkled. Flowers in dense whorls or clusters in the axils of the upper leaves, small, of a dirty white. Calyx with 10 small, hooked teeth. Upper lip of the corolla narrow, erect, and 2-cleft.

On roadsides and waste places, in temperate and southern Europe and central and Russian Asia, extending northwards into Scandinavia, and now naturalized in several parts of America and other countries. Not a common plant in England or Ireland, and still more rare in Scotland, although it may occasionally be found in abundance at particular localities. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

XII. **STACHYS.** STACHYS.

Rather coarse, hairy herbs (or, in some exotic species, low shrubs), with the leaves often cordate, and flowers, in the British species, in whorls of 6 or more, forming terminal racemes, spikes, or heads. Calyx 5- or 10-ribbed, with 5 nearly equal, erect or spreading, pointed teeth. Corolla with the upper lip erect, concave, and entire; the lower lip longer, spreading, 3-lobed, the lateral lobes often reflexed. Stamens 4, in pairs under the upper lip. Nuts smooth, rounded at the top.

A numerous genus, spread over nearly the whole world, but within the tropics limited to mountain districts.

Erect perennials, 1 to 3 feet high.
- Plant thickly covered with a white silky wool. Flowers numerous, in crowded whorls . . . . . 2. *Downy S.*
- Plant green, more or less hairy.
  - Flowers many in each whorl, forming a close, oblong terminal spike.
    - Leaves mostly radical . . . . . 1. *Betony S.*
  - Flowers 6 to 10 in each whorl, forming a long, loose terminal spike. Stem leafy.
    - Lower leaves long-stalked, ovate, deeply cordate . . . . . 3. *Hedge S.*
    - Leaves short-stalked or sessile, oblong or lanceolate, scarcely cordate . . . . . 4. *Marsh S.*

Low, weak, or spreading annual, with small flowers . . . . . 5. *Field S.*

The *S. annua* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2669), a low, erect, south European annual, with yellow flowers the size of those of the *marsh S.*, has been inserted in some British Floras, probably from having appeared among the weeds in some cornfield. The *S. coccinea*, from Mexico, with red flowers, and a few other exotic species, are occasionally cultivated in flower-gardens.

1. **Betony Stachys. Stachys Betonica,** Benth.
(*Betonica officinalis*, Eng. Bot. t. 1142. *Betony.*)

A perennial, 1 to 2 feet high, more or less downy or hairy, but not woolly. Leaves mostly radical, oblong, coarsely crenate and cordate at the base; the upper ones few and distant, on short stalks or quite sessile, narrower and not cordate. Flowers in several dense whorls, collected in a close terminal, oblong head or spike, with an ovate or lanceolate bract under each calyx. Calyx-teeth erect, very pointed, almost prickly. Tube of the corolla considerably longer than the calyx; the upper lip ovate, erect, and slightly concave, about the length of the lower one. Anther-cells more distinct and less divergent than in the rest of the genus, or almost parallel.

In woods and thickets, all over Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in England and southern Ireland, extending into the southern counties of Scotland. *Fl. summer.* Many botanists retain for this and a few exotic species the Linnæan genus *Betonica.*

2. **Downy Stachys. Stachys germanica,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 829. *Woundwort.*)

An erect, branching perennial, 1 to 3 feet high, remarkable for the long, whitish, silky hairs which cover its stem and leaves, and especially the upper portion of the plant and the calyxes. Leaves shortly stalked, oblong-ovate or lanceolate, slightly cordate at the base, soft and silky. Flowers numerous, in dense whorls or clusters, all distinct, the lower ones sometimes rather distant, but all forming a long terminal spike, with numerous small, narrow bracts, close under the flowers. Calyx-teeth often almost prickly. Corolla-tube shorter than the calyx, the upper lip very silky outside.

In waste places, and on roadsides; very common in central and southern Europe and western Asia, where it is very variable. In Britain, it has appeared occasionally in some limestone districts of England, but is perhaps not really indigenous. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Hedge Stachys. Stachys sylvatica,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 416.)

A green, coarsely hairy perennial, with a disagreeable smell; the rootstock emitting short, thick, creeping scions; the stem stout, erect, and branching, 2 to 4 feet high. Leaves all stalked, rather large, ovate, cordate and crenate. Flowers in whorls of 6 to 10, distant from each other, forming long terminal spikes, without any bracts except the floral leaves. Calyx-teeth spreading and pointed, but not prickly. Corolla of a dark reddish-purple, the tube longer than the calyx, the lower lip variegated with white on the upper side.

In ditches, on shady banks, and the edges of woods, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the Caucasus and Altai to the Arctic Circle. Very abundant all over Britain. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Marsh Stachys. Stachys palustris,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1675.)

Resembles the *wood S.* in its creeping rootstock and tall, stout stems, but the hairs are shorter and not so coarse, the smell is not so bad, and the leaves are much narrower; they are very shortly stalked, oblong or lanceolate, slightly cordate at the base, 2 to 4 inches long. Flowers of a pale

bluish-purple, in whorls of 6 or 8, forming shorter and more crowded spikes than in the *wood S.;* the calyx-teeth long and pointed, but not prickly. Corolla-tube rather shorter, with a broader and somewhat shorter lower lip than in the *wood S.*

In ditches, and on moist banks, in Europe, Russian Asia, and northern America, generally a more northern plant than the *wood S.* Abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer and autumn.* A variety with rather broader and longer-stalked leaves, and a rather longer tube to the corolla, has been distinguished under the name of *S. ambigua* (Eng. Bot. t. 2089), but it appears to be connected with the common form by too close a chain of intermediates to be separable from it.

5. **Field Stachys. Stachys arvensis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1154.)

A slender, hairy annual, very different in aspect from the preceding species; the stems branched, decumbent or slightly ascending, from an inch or two to nearly a foot long. Leaves small, ovate, scarcely cordate. Flowers small, of a pale purple, in whorls of 2 to 6 or 8, forming loose, leafy spikes. Calyx-teeth as long as its tube. Corolla scarcely longer than the calyx.

In fields and waste places, spread over Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, and carried out with our crops even to tropical countries. Common in England, but appears only occasionally in Ireland and Scotland. *Fl. the whole season.*

XIII. **GALEOPSIS.** GALEOPSIS.

Erect or slightly decumbent annuals, with spreading branches, and flowers in dense whorls in the upper axils or at the summit of the branches. Calyx nearly regular, with 5 pointed teeth. Corolla with a tube longer than the calyx; the upper lip erect, concave and entire or slightly notched; the lower spreading and 3-lobed. Stamens 4, in pairs; the cells of the anthers opening by a transverse slit, bordered with hairs.

A small genus, consisting of European and north Asiatic weeds of cultivation, distinguished from *Stachys* chiefly by the anthers.

Hairs of the plant short and soft. Calyx-teeth not longer than the tube.
  Stem not swollen under the nodes.
    Flowers purple . . . . . 1. *Red G.*
    Flowers yellow . . . . . 2. *Downy G.*
Hairs of the plant long and stiff. Calyx-teeth long and almost prickly.
  Stem swollen under the nodes . . . . . 3. *Common G.*

1. **Red Galeopsis. Galeopsis Ladanum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 884.)

An annual, seldom above 8 or 9 inches high, with very spreading, almost decumbent branches, and covered with a very short, soft down. Leaves shortly stalked, narrow-ovate or lanceolate, coarsely toothed. Flowers purple, 6 to 10 together, in dense whorls in the upper axils, the upper ones forming a terminal head. Calyx-teeth usually very pointed, but shorter and less prickly than in the *common G.;* the tube of the corolla considerably longer than the calyx.

In cultivated and waste places, all over Europe and Russian and western Asia. Frequent in southern England, decreasing northward and eastward, but occurs also in Ireland. *Fl. summer and autumn.* It varies much in

the breadth of the leaf, from ovate to nearly linear; in the degree of hairiness, and in the size of the flower.

2. **Downy Galeopsis. Galeopsis ochroleuca,** Lam.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2353.)

Very much like the *red G.*, but more densely covered with soft, almost silky hairs, which give the upper part a whitish hue, and the flowers are more numerous, considerably larger, often above an inch long, and of a pale yellow colour.

In cultivated and waste places, in temperate Europe, from Spain to Scandinavia, and eastward to south Russia. Very local in Britain, and chiefly, if not exclusively, in the north of England. *Fl. summer and autumn.* It is very doubtful whether it be more than a variety of the *red G.*, and it is even said that the one has been raised from the seeds of the other.

3. **Common Galeopsis. Galeopsis Tetrahit,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. 207. *Hemp-Nettle.*)

A coarse annual, 1 to 2 feet high or even more, although sometimes very dwarf, with a few spreading branches, green, with stiff, spreading hairs, and the stems swollen under the nodes. Leaves stalked, ovate, very pointed, and coarsely toothed. Flowers numerous, in close whorls in the axils of the upper leaves. Calyx-teeth long and almost prickly. Corolla, in the common variety, pale-purplish or white, exceedingly variable in size, sometimes not longer than the calycine teeth, more frequently twice that length, and sometimes much longer.

In cultivated and waste places, and occasionally also in woods, extending all over Europe and Russian Asia. Frequent in Britain. *Fl. summer and autumn.* The *variegated G.* (*G. versicolor*, Eng. Bot. t. 667) is a marked variety, often considered as a distinct species. It is usually a larger plant, and the flowers are also larger, and yellow, with a purple spot on the lower lip; but in this, as in the purple variety, the size of the flower is very variable, and in some localities the two pass gradually one into the other.

XIV. **BALLOTA.** BALLOTA.

This genus, closely allied to the shorter-flowered *Stachyses*, differs chiefly in the calyx, which is enlarged at the top, so as to be nearly funnel-shaped, and, in several exotic species, has 10 or even more teeth. The corolla, stamens, and nuts are nearly as in *Stachys*.

The exotic species belong almost exclusively to the Mediterranean region, and western Asia.

1. **Black Ballota. Ballota nigra,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 46. *B. fœtida* and *B. ruderalis*, Bab. Man. *Black Horehound.*)

A coarse, erect, hairy, branching perennial, 2 to 3 feet high, softly hairy all over, with a strong, disagreeable smell. Leaves stalked, ovate or cordate, coarsely toothed. Flowers in dense axillary clusters, often slightly stalked, and turned to one side, assuming less the appearance of whorls than in *Stachys*, usually shorter than the floral leaves, and accompanied by a number of stiff, linear bracts. Calyx 4 or 5 lines long, green or purplish,

with 10 prominent ribs, and 5 broadly ovate teeth, each terminating in a fine, stiff point. Corolla purplish, with an oblong or oval, concave and somewhat arched upper lip, scarcely shorter than the 3-lobed, spreading lower lip.

On roadsides, under hedges, and in waste places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia. In Britain it extends over England, Ireland, and the south of Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.* It varies considerably in the precise form of the teeth of the calyx, and in the length of their point.

XV. **LEONURUS.** LEONURUS.

Erect herbs, with leaves more or less lobed, and rather small flowers in close axillary whorls, forming long, terminal, leafy spikes. Calyx with 5 prominent ribs, and 5 equal, spreading, almost prickly teeth. Corolla with a rather short tube; the upper lip erect, concave, and entire; the lower spreading, and 3-lobed. Stamens 4, in pairs. Nuts flat, and angular at the top.

A small genus, containing a few European and Asiatic species, differing from *Stachys* chiefly in the shape of the nuts, which is the same as in *Lamium*.

1. Motherwort Leonurus. **Leonurus Cardiaca,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 286. *Motherwort.*)

A tall, coarse, stiff, slightly hairy or downy perennial, 2 to 4 feet high. Leaves stalked, the lower ones broad, deeply and irregularly cut into 5 or 7 coarsely toothed lobes; the floral leaves narrow, 5-lobed or nearly entire, their stalks as long as the flowers. Flowers 6 to 15 together, in close axillary whorls, forming a long, interrupted, terminal, leafy spike. Calyx-teeth almost prickly. Corolla pink or nearly white, like that of a *Stachys*, with a rather short tube, and very hairy upper lip.

In waste places, hedges, on roadsides, etc., in Europe and central and Russian Asia; not extending, however, far to the northward. Indicated in several parts of England and southern Scotland, but with considerable doubts as to its being really indigenous. *Fl. end of summer.*

XVI. **LAMIUM.** LAMIUM.

Hairy herbs, either annual or perennial, decumbent at the base; the lower leaves always stalked, ovate or orbicular, and toothed; the flowers in close axillary whorls, or the upper ones in a leafy head. Calyx as in *Stachys*. Corolla-tube slender at the base, much enlarged at the throat; the upper lip erect or arched, slightly concave, entire or slightly notched; the lower spreading, with a broad middle lobe; the two lateral ones either smaller and pointed, or more often reduced to a small tooth. Anthers hairy in all the British species except the *yellow L.*

A genus of several species, chiefly south European or central Asiatic, generally distinguished either by the long, arched upper lip, or by the smallness of the lateral lobes of the lower lip of the corolla.

Annuals, with small flowers, in few, nearly terminal, leafy whorls.
- Floral leaves sessile, orbicular, obtusely crenate . . . . . 1. *Henbit L.*
- Floral leaves shortly stalked, ovate, often pointed . . . . . 2. *Red L.*

Perennials, with rather large flowers in axillary whorls.
Flowers white . . . . . 3. *White L.*
Flowers red . . . . . 4. *Spotted L.*
Flowers yellow . . . . . 5. *Yellow L.*

1. **Henbit Lamium. Lamium amplexicaule,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 770. *Henbit.*)

A low, decumbent, much branched annual, a few inches, or, when very luxuriant, near a foot long. Lower leaves small, orbicular, on long stalks; the floral ones closely sessile, broadly orbicular, and deeply crenate or cut. The flowers form 1, 2, or 3 compact whorls. Calyx softly hairy, with short teeth. Corolla about half an inch long, of a purplish red, with a slender tube; the lateral teeth of the lower lip scarcely perceptible.

In cultivated and waste places, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Extending all over Britain. *Fl. the whole season.* A variety with rather longer teeth to the calyx, and more distinct lateral teeth to the lower lip of the corolla, is occasionally found mixed with the common one, especially in the more northern localities, and has been distinguished as a species, under the name of *L. intermedium* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2914).

2. **Red Lamium. Lamium purpureum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 769.)

A spreading annual, like the *henbit L.*, and the lower leaves are likewise small and orbicular, on long stalks; but the upper leaves, even the floral ones, are all shortly stalked, and ovate, heart-shaped, or triangular, often pointed, and, in the common variety, less deeply toothed. Calyx-teeth fine, and spreading. Corolla of a purplish red, shorter than in the *henbit L.*, with a broader, more open tube, and a more hairy upper lip; the lower lip with a short, fine tooth on each side.

In cultivated and waste places, throughout Europe and western Asia, except the extreme north. In Britain, more common than the *henbit L.*, especially as a garden weed. *Fl. the whole season.* A variety with the upper leaves deeply cut, which occurs occasionally in western Europe, and has been found also in England and Scotland, has been described as a species, under the name of *L. incisum* (Eng. Bot. t. 1933).

3. **White Lamium. Lamium album,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 768. *Dead-Nettle.*)

A rather coarse, hairy perennial, with a shortly creeping stock, and decumbent or ascending, branching stems, seldom above a foot high. Leaves stalked, coarsely crenate. Flowers pure white, in close axillary whorls of 6 to 10 or more. Calyx-teeth long, fine, and spreading. Tube of the corolla curved upwards, and longer than the calyx, with an oblique contraction near the base, corresponding with a ring of hairs inside; the upper lip long and arched; the lateral lobes of the lower one slightly prominent, with a long, fine tooth.

Under hedges, on banks, and waste places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Extends all over Britain, although becoming rare in the Scotch Highlands. *Fl. the whole season.* The leaves are occasionally marked by a white line or spot in the centre, but less frequently so than in the following species.

4. **Spotted Lamium. Lamium maculatum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 2550.)

Closely resembles the *white L.* in every respect except in the colour of the flower, which is purple-red instead of white, and in the ring of hairs in the tube of the corolla, which is transverse instead of oblique. The leaves are also more frequently marked in the centre with a broad white line or spot. It is still very doubtful whether it may not be a mere variety of the *white L.*, with which I had formerly united it.

With nearly the same geographical range as the *white L.*, it is, however, rather more southern. In Britain it is rare, and perhaps only introduced, as it has been long cultivated in cottage gardens, and spreads readily by its offsets. *Fl. summer.*

5. **Yellow Lamium. Lamium Galeobdolon,** Crantz.
(*Galeobdolon luteum,* Eng. Bot. t. 787. *Archangel.*)

Stock perennial as in the two last, but the stems are longer and less branched, often a foot and a half high. Leaves stalked, ovate, toothed, but scarcely cordate. Flowers bright yellow, in dense axillary whorls; the calyx-teeth short; the tube of the corolla scarcely longer than the calyx; the upper lip long and arched; the lateral lobes of the lower lip narrow, but not much smaller than the central one. Anthers glabrous as in some exotic species, not hairy as in the other British ones.

In woods and shady places, in Europe and western Asia, extending northwards into southern Scandinavia. Not uncommon in England and Ireland, but rare, if really indigenous, in Scotland. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

XVII. **GERMANDER.** TEUCRIUM.

Herbs or undershrubs, varying much in habit; the flowers few in each whorl, usually turned to one side. Calyx of 5 teeth, often arranged in two lips. Corolla apparently without an upper lip; the 2 upper lobes forming 2 small teeth, one on each side of the base of the lower lip, which has thus 5 lobes, the middle one large and concave. Stamens 4, protruding between the two upper teeth of the corolla.

A numerous genus, spread over all parts of the world, and always known by the shape of the corolla.

Flowers all axillary. Calyx-teeth nearly equal . . . . . 2. *Water G.*
Flowers in terminal one-sided spikes or racemes.
Flowers pale-yellow, 2 to each whorl. Calyx with 1 broad and 4 small teeth . . . . . 1. *Wood G.*
Flowers purple-red, 4 to 6 in each whorl. Calyx-teeth nearly equal . 3. *Wall G.*

1. **Wood Germander. Teucrium Scorodonia,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1543. *Wood Sage.*)

Rootstock creeping, the stems ascending or erect, hairy, about a foot high, slightly branched, hard and almost woody at the base. Leaves stalked, ovate or lanceolate, coarsely toothed, much wrinkled, downy, and green on both sides. Flowers of a pale yellow, in pairs, with a small bract under each pedicel, forming terminal and axillary one-sided racemes. Upper tooth of the calyx very broad and turned back, the 4 lower teeth small. Tube of

the corolla slender, twice as long as the calyx; the lip almost as long, with a terminal concave lobe and two small lateral teeth on each side.

In woods and hedges, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in England, Ireland, and the greater part of Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

2. **Water Germander. Teucrium Scordium,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 828.)

A low, branching perennial, procumbent and rooting at the base, or emitting creeping scions, and usually covered with short, soft hairs. Leaves oblong, ½ to 1 inch long, coarsely toothed, usually narrowed at the base, but larger and cordate in luxuriant specimens. Flowers of a pale purplish-red, all axillary, turned to one side, in whorls of 6 or fewer, the pedicels very slender. Calyx small, with 5 nearly equal teeth.

In wet, marshy places, generally dispersed over Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Rare in Britain, having been only found in a few localities in Ireland, and in Cambridgeshire, Devonshire, and perhaps one or two other English counties. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Wall Germander. Teucrium Chamædrys,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 680.)

Stock perennial, almost woody; the stems rarely branched, ascending, hairy, 6 to 8 inches high. Leaves ovate, deeply toothed, wedge-shaped at the base, green, and more or less hairy on both sides. Flowers reddish-purple, in whorls of 2 to 6, forming a short, rather loose, terminal, one-sided raceme. Calyx loosely tubular, with 5 almost equal, pointed teeth.

On stony banks, and old walls, over the greater part of central and southern Europe and western Asia, but not extending into Scandinavia. In Britain, it has been found only in a few localities, mostly on old walls or ruins, and may in many cases have originally escaped from gardens, although now well established. *Fl. summer.*

XVIII. **BUGLE.** AJUGA.

Low herbs, with purplish-blue or yellow flowers, in close whorls in the upper axils, often forming terminal leafy spikes; the corolla withering but remaining attached after flowering. Calyx 5-cleft. Corolla with a distinct tube; the upper lip very short, erect, and entire or nearly so; the lower lip longer and spreading, as in *Germander*. Stamens in pairs, projecting beyond the upper lip or tooth of the corolla. Nuts rough or wrinkled.

A rather extensive genus, spread over Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia, but unknown in America, differing from *Germander* in the tooth-like upper lip of the corolla, and still more in habit.

Leaves entire or coarsely toothed. Flowers blue or ash-coloured.
- Plant glabrous or slightly hairy, with creeping scions . . . . . 1. *Creeping B.*
- Plant very hairy, without creeping scions . . . . . 2. *Erect B.*

Leaves deeply divided into linear lobes. Flowers yellow . . . . . 3. *Yellow B.*

1. **Creeping Bugle. Ajuga reptans,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 489, and *A. alpina*, Eng. Bot. t. 477.)

The whole plant is glabrous, or with a few hairs chiefly amongst the

flowers. The short stock emits creeping scions and a tuft of radical leaves, which are obovate, 1 to 2 inches long, entire or broadly crenate, and narrowed into a stalk nearly as long as the leaf. Flowering stems erect, often only 2 or 3 inches, rarely near a foot high, with short, ovate or obovate, nearly sessile leaves; the upper ones often coloured, small, and bract-like. Flowers in close whorls in the axils of nearly all the leaves; the upper ones forming a cylindrical leafy spike. Corolla blue, or rarely flesh-colour or white, with the tube much longer than the calyx.

In pastures and woods, throughout Europe and western Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

2. **Erect Bugle. Ajuga genevensis,** Linn.
(*A. pyramidalis*, Eng. Bot. t. 1270.)

Much like the *creeping B.*, but has no creeping scions, and is much more hairy; the stock has a tuft of rather large, spreading radical leaves, and one or more erect or ascending flowering stems, with the leaves often coarsely toothed. Calyx very hairy. Floral leaves in the pyramidal variety, the only one found in Britain, broadly ovate, longer than the flowers, and crowded with them in a pyramidal or quadrangular leafy spike.

The species has a very wide range over Europe, and central and Russian Asia, to the Himalayas and China, although not an Arctic plant. The pyramidal variety, common in northern Europe and the great mountain-ranges of central Europe, is the only British form, and occurs but rarely in the Scotch Highlands. *Fl. early summer.* This variety is usually distinguished as a species, but its peculiarities appear to be owing to station, and it is never more marked than in recently burnt pastures.

3. **Yellow Bugle. Ajuga Chamæpitys,** Schreb.
(Eng. Bot. t. 77.)

A low, much branched, hairy annual. Leaves much crowded, and deeply divided into 3 linear lobes; the lateral ones sometimes again divided. Flowers yellow, in axillary pairs, always shorter than the leaves.

In dry, cultivated, and waste, stony places, roadsides, etc., chiefly in limestone soils, in central and southern Europe and western Asia, extending northwards over the greater part of Germany. In Britain, limited to some of the south-eastern or eastern counties of England. *Fl. the whole season.*

LVIII. THE VERVEIN FAMILY. VERBENACEÆ.

Herbs, shrubs, or trees, with opposite or rarely alternate leaves. Flowers of *Labiates*, except that the ovary is entire, with the style proceeding from the top. Fruit dry or succulent, usually shorter than the persistent calyx, 2- or 4-celled, with 1 seed in each cell.

A large family, chiefly American or from the warmer regions of Asia and Africa. Besides the numerous cultivated species of *Vervein*, several exotic genera, such as *Lantana*, *Vitex*, etc., are familiar to our gardeners.

I. **VERVEIN.** VERBENA.

Herbs or rarely shrubs, with opposite stem-leaves, and alternate flowers in terminal spikes. Calyx 5-toothed. Corolla with a distinct tube, and a rather unequally 5-cleft, spreading limb. Stamens 4, or rarely only 2, included in the tube. Fruit enclosed in the calyx, dividing into 4 one-seeded nuts.

A genus confined in Europe to one or two species, but comprising numerous American ones, which have been still more multiplied in our gardens by the more or less permanent varieties or races produced by cultivation.

1. **Common Vervein. Verbena officinalis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 767.)

A nearly glabrous, erect perennial, 1 to 2 feet high, with long, spreading, wiry branches. Lower leaves obovate or oblong, stalked, and coarsely toothed or cut; the upper ones few, sessile, and lanceolate. Flowers very small, in long, slender spikes, the lower ones becoming distant as the spike lengthens, each one sessile in the axil of a small bract.

On roadsides and in waste places, in central and southern Europe and Asia, extending northwards into southern Sweden. Frequent in the southern counties of England, rare in the north and in Ireland, and almost unknown in Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

LIX. **THE PLUMBAGO FAMILY.** PLUMBAGINEÆ.

Herbs, or rarely undershrubs, usually hard and stiff; the leaves mostly or entirely radical; the flowers in terminal heads, spikes, or panicles. Calyx tubular, often enlarged and petal-like at the top. Corolla of 5 petals, often united at the base. Stamens 5, inserted at the base of the corolla or between the petals. Ovary single, with one cell, and a single, suspended ovule, but bearing 5 styles, either quite distinct or united below the middle. Capsule either indehiscent or opening irregularly, and enclosing a single seed.

A small family, extending over most parts of the world, but chiefly within the influence of the sea air, or occasionally on high mountains. Besides the two British genera, some species of *Plumbago* or *Leadwort* (which gives its name to the family) are cultivated as ornamental plants in our gardens.

Flowers in terminal panicles or spikes. Styles glabrous. . . . . 1. STATICE.
Flowers in globular heads. Styles hairy at the base . . . . . 2. THRIFT.

I. **STATICE.** STATICE.

Flowers solitary or two or three together, in little spikelets within 2 bracts, these spikelets forming one-sided spikes, arranged either in a dichotomous or trichotomous panicle, or, in some exotic species, forming a single spike. Calyx more or less expanded at the top into a dry, membranous, coloured, and slightly 5-lobed limb, each lobe traversed by a green or dark nerve. Petals slightly united at the base, the stamens inserted at their point of union. Styles glabrous.

The geographical range is the same as that of the family, of which this genus includes the great majority of species.

Leaves usually several inches long, the veins pinnate (when visible).
Panicle very spreading and corymbose . . . . . 1. *Common S.*
Leaves usually not above an inch, with 1 or 3 ribs, and no pinnate veins.
Panicle elongated, usually one-sided.
Branches all or nearly all flowering . . . . . 2. *Rock S.*
Short, flowerless, intricate branches very numerous . . . . . 3. *Matted S.*

Several exotic species are occasionally cultivated in our flower-gardens or planthouses.

1. **Common Statice. Statice Limonium,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 102. *Sea Lavender.*)

Stock short and thick, with tufts of radical leaves from 2 to 5 or 6 inches long, obovate or oblong, quite entire, glabrous, and narrowed at the base into a long stalk; the midrib is alone prominent when fresh, but when dry the lateral reticulate veins branching from it distinctly appear. Flower-stem erect, leafless, 6 inches to a foot or even more high, repeatedly forked, so as to form a broad corymbose panicle, with a membranous bract at each division. Flowers numerous, in short, rather loose spikes at the end of the branches, with a green bract, coloured at the edge, under each flower. Calyx green at the base, dry, scarious, and of a pale purple in its upper part, with 5 short, broad teeth, which are often slightly toothed or jagged. Petals of a bluish purple, at the time of flowering rather longer than the calyx, but the latter becomes subsequently much enlarged, so as to assume the appearance of a corolla concealing the real one.

In maritime sands and salt-marshes, on the coasts of western Europe, the Mediterranean, and western Asia, and apparently the same species on the South American and Californian sea-shore. Frequent on the coasts of England, very local on those of Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.* A small variety, with less compact spikes, has been described as a species, under the name of *S. bahusiensis* (*S. rariflora*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2917). It grows in the same situations, and is often very difficult to distinguish, even as a variety.

2. **Rock Statice. Statice auriculæfolia,** Vahl.

(*S. binervosa*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2663. *S. Dodartii* and *S. occidentalis*, Bab. Man.)

Resembles in many respects the *common S.*, but the tufted stock is more branched and compact. The leaves are much smaller, usually scarcely an inch long, with shorter stalks, and, when dry, often show a lateral nerve on each side of the midrib, but never any diverging veins. Stems about 6 to 10 inches high. Spikes more compact, with rather larger flowers than in the *common S.*, but the spikes themselves are fewer and more distant, forming an elongated, not a corymbose panicle. The bracts are greener and longer.

On dry, rocky, maritime banks, or more rarely in sands, on the shores of western Europe, penetrating also far along the Mediterranean. In Britain, it extends up the west coast to Wigtonshire, but not beyond Lincolnshire on the east coast, and occurs in Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Matted Statice. Statice reticulata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 328.)

This is a still smaller plant than the last, with leaves often not more than

6 lines long; the lower branches of the panicle numerous, very much branched, and usually without flowers, whilst the central ones bear numerous short spikes of small flowers, with the bracts white and scarious nearly from the base.

In maritime sands, all round the Mediterranean and in western Asia, extending more sparingly up the west coast of France. In Britain, only in the counties of Norfolk, Cambridge, and Lincoln. *Fl. summer.*

II. **THRIFT.** ARMERIA.

Flowers in a terminal, globular head, intermixed with scarious scales, of which the outer ones form a kind of involucre, and the two outermost of all are lengthened below their insertion into appendages forming a sheath round the upper part of the peduncle. Calyx usually drier and more scarious than in *Statice*, the petals scarcely united at their very base, and the styles hairy in the lower part.

A genus of very few species, separated from *Statice* chiefly on account of their inflorescence, which gives them a peculiar habit.

Leaves narrow-linear, 1-nerved. Teeth of the calyx short . . . . . 1. *Common T.*
Leaves lanceolate-linear, 3- or 5-nerved. Teeth of the calyx long and fine 2. *Plantain T.*

1. **Common Thrift.** **Armeria vulgaris,** Willd.

(*Statice Armeria*, Eng. Bot. t. 226. *A. maritima*, Brit. Fl.)

The stock forms perennial tufts, with numerous radical leaves, all narrow-linear, entire, with a single prominent midrib. Flowering stems simple and leafless, glabrous or shortly downy, 3 or 4 inches to twice that height, each bearing a globular head of pink or sometimes white flowers; the petal-like border of the calyx crowned by 5 very short, slender teeth.

On muddy or sandy sea-shores, and on maritime rocks, in the northern hemisphere, from the Arctic regions to near the tropics, reappearing in the southern hemisphere beyond the tropics, and also at considerable elevations in the high mountain-chains of Europe and Asia. Abundant on our British coasts and on the tops of some of the Scotch mountains. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Plantain Thrift.** **Armeria plantaginea,** Willd.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2928.)

Very near the last, and perhaps one of its numerous forms, but the leaves are much broader, usually marked with 3 or 5 parallel nerves, the flower-stalk is often a foot high or more, and the slender teeth of the calyx are much longer than in the *common T.*

On sandy heaths and wastes, in western Europe, extending northward to the English Channel and eastward to the Rhine. In our Flora only in the Channel Islands. *Fl. summer.*

LX. **THE PLANTAIN FAMILY.** PLANTAGINEÆ.

Herbs, with radical, tufted or spreading leaves, and leafless flower-stalks, bearing a simple spike or a single terminal flower (the stem in some exotic species becoming elongated, branched, and leafy). Sepals 4. Corolla small, scarious, with an ovate

or cylindrical tube, and 4 spreading lobes. Stamens 4, alternating with the lobes of the corolla, and usually very long. Ovary 1-, 2-, or 4-celled, with one or more ovules in each cell, and terminating in a long, simple style. Capsule opening transversely or indehiscent.

A small Order, widely spread over the globe, but most abundant in the temperate regions of the old world.

Flowers hermaphrodite, in terminal heads or spikes . . . . . 1. PLANTAIN.
Flowers unisexual, solitary or two together, the males stalked, the females sessile amongst the leaves . . . . . 2. LITTOREL.

I. **PLANTAIN.** PLANTAGO.

Flowers hermaphrodite, in heads or spikes on a leafless peduncle. Capsule 2- or 4-celled, with 2 or more seeds.

The genus comprises the whole family, with the exception of the single species of *Littoret.*

Leaves ovate or lanceolate, strongly ribbed.
Leaves very broad, stalked. Spike long. Capsule several-seeded 1. *Greater P.*
Leaves ovate, almost sessile. Spike cylindrical. Capsule 2-seeded 2. *Hoary P.*
Leaves lanceolate. Spike ovoid or shortly cylindrical. Capsule 2-seeded . . . . . 3. *Ribwort P.*
Leaves linear, entire or pinnatifid.
Leaves entire or very slightly toothed. Ovary 2-celled . . . . 4. *Sea P.*
Leaves deeply toothed or pinnatifid. Ovary 4-celled . . . . . 5. *Buckshorn P.*

1. **Greater Plantain. Plantago major,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1558.)

Rootstock short and thick. Leaves erect or spreading, broadly ovate, often 4 or 5 inches long and nearly as broad, entire or toothed, glabrous or downy, marked with 7 (rarely 9 or only 5) prominent, parallel ribs, converging at the base into a rather long footstalk. Peduncles usually longer than the leaves, bearing a long, slender spike of sessile flowers, smaller than in the two following species. Sepals green in the centre, scarious on the edges. Stamens longer than the corolla, but shorter than in the two following species. Capsule 2-celled, with from 4 to 8 seeds in each cell.

In pastures, on roadsides, and in waste places, throughout Europe and Russian and central Asia, and has spread with cultivation over almost every part of the globe. Very abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer and autumn.* It varies much in size; the spike of flowers is seldom less than 2 inches, sometimes as much as 6 inches, long.

2. **Hoary Plantain. Plantago media,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1559.)

Rootstock thick, almost woody, and branched as in the *ribwort P.* Leaves ovate, sessile, usually closely spreading on the ground, more or less hoary with a short down, and marked with 5 or 7 ribs. Peduncles long and erect, bearing a dense cylindrical spike, shorter and much thicker than in the *greater P.*, but yet longer than in the *ribwort P.*, varying from 1 to near 2 inches in length. Flowers and capsules of the *ribwort P.*, except that the 4 sepals are free, the corolla more silvery, and the stamens pink or purple. Ovary with 2 seeds in each cell, but they often do not all ripen, and the capsule has then but 3 or 2 altogether.

In dry, close pastures, chiefly in limestone districts, in most parts of Europe and western Asia. Abundant in similar situations in England, Ireland, and south of Scotland. *Fl. early summer, and often again in autumn.*

3. **Ribwort Plantain. Plantago lanceolata,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 507. *Ribwort.*)

Rootstock short, but thick and woody, and often much branched, bearing tufts of woolly hairs among the leaves. Leaves erect or spreading, lanceolate, varying much in size, but usually 2 to 4 inches long, slightly hairy, with 3 or 5 ribs, and more or less tapering into a stalk at the base. Peduncles longer than the leaves, erect and angular. Spike ovoid or oblong, usually 6 lines to near an inch long, but sometimes very small and globular, or, in very luxuriant specimens, becoming cylindrical, and exceeding an inch. Sepals scarious, marked with a prominent green rib; the 2 lower ones often combined into one. Stamens more than twice as long as the corolla, with slender white filaments and yellow anthers. Capsule with 2 hemispherical seeds attached to the partition by their inner face.

In meadows, pastures, and waste places, with the same widely extended geographical range as the *greater P.*, and equally abundant in Britain. *Fl. the whole season.*

4. **Sea Plantain. Plantago maritima,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 175.)

Stock often more branched than in the preceding species, with some long hairs in tufts among the leaves. Leaves narrow-linear, thick and fleshy, pointed, entire or slightly toothed, with scarcely prominent ribs. Peduncles cylindrical, longer than the leaves. Spike cylindrical, 1 to 2 inches long, not so dense or so thick as in the two preceding species. Flowers rather smaller than in the *ribwort P.* Sepals all usually distinct. Capsules with 2 seeds only.

On muddy sea-shores, and in salt-marshes, in Europe, central Asia, at the northern and western extremities of America, and in South Africa. It occurs also occasionally inland, especially in the principal mountain-ranges of Europe. Frequent on the British coasts and in some of the Scotch Highlands. *Fl. late in summer, and autumn.*

5. **Buckshorn Plantain. Plantago Coronopus,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 892.)

Rootstock short and thick, scarcely branched. Leaves spreading, in a dense tuft, linear or linear-lanceolate, or pinnatifid with linear segments, more or less hairy, with scarcely prominent ribs. Spikes cylindrical, 1 to 2 inches long. The flowers rather smaller than in the *sea P.;* the sepals broad and ciliate. Ovary with 4 cells, each with a single ovule, but it often happens that only 1 or 2 in each capsule attain their maturity.

In dry, stony, or sandy situations, especially near the sea, in Europe, north Africa, and western Asia. Common in Britain. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

II. **LITTOREL.** LITTORELLA.

A single species, distinguished generally from *Plantain* by the inflorescence, the monœcious flowers, and a 1-seeded, indehiscent fruit.

1. **Common Littorel. Littorella lacustris,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 468.)

The small perennial rootstock bears a tuft of bright green, narrow-linear, entire radical leaves, from 1½ to 3 inches long. Male peduncles radical, about an inch long, with a single or rarely two terminal flowers, and a small bract lower down. Sepals narrow. Corolla like that of a *Plantain*, but with small lobes. The stamens, which form the most conspicuous part of the plant, have slender filaments, full half an inch long, terminated by large, ovate anthers. Female flowers concealed amongst the leaves, consisting of a sessile calyx, split into 3 or 4 unequal sepals, enclosing a small ovary, with a long, thread-like style. Fruit a small nut.

In mud and wet sand, on the margins of pools, in northern Europe, extending far into the Arctic regions, but chiefly confined to mountains in central and southern Europe. Appears to be widely distributed in Britain, though seldom observed, for it often remains under water without flowering, when its leaves become longer and grass-like. *Fl. summer.*

LXI. THE GOOSEFOOT FAMILY. CHENOPODIACEÆ.

Herbs or undershrubs, often succulent, sometimes leafless, more usually with alternate or rarely opposite leaves, and no stipules; the small, herbaceous flowers usually in sessile clusters, either in axillary or terminal spikes or panicles, and often unisexual. Perianth single, deeply divided into 5, or in some flowers fewer segments. Stamens 5, rarely fewer. Ovary free, with a single ovule. Styles 2 or 3, either free or united at the base. Fruit consisting of a single seed, enveloped in a very thin or sometimes succulent pericarp, and enclosed in the persistent calyx, which is sometimes enlarged or altered in form. Seed usually orbicular and flattened; the embryo curved or spirally twisted, with or without albumen.

The Order is spread over the greater part of the world, and is rather numerous in species, especially in maritime situations, or within the influence of a saline soil or atmosphere, where they sometimes, in combination with *Artemisias*, give a general grey aspect to the country. They are not easily confounded with any other British Order, but approach very near to the *Amaranth* family, which is chiefly distinguished by the presence of 2 or 3 small bracts under each flower, and by the tendency of the perianth to become scarious or coloured.

Stem succulent and jointed, without leaves. Stamens 1 or 2 . . . 1. Salicorn.
Stem leafy, not jointed. Stamens 5.
  Leaves narrow, semi-cylindrical (as thick as broad).
    Leaves rather succulent and linear, not prickly. Fruiting perianth not altered . . . . . 2. Suæda.
  Leaves prickly. Fruiting perianth encircled by a scarious wing . 3. Saltwort.
Leaves flat.
  Perianth mostly 5-cleft and regular, even when in fruit.
    Fruiting perianth succulent, enlarged, with prominent ribs or protuberances . . . . . 5. Beet.

Fruiting perianth scarcely enlarged, herbaceous . . . . . 4. Goosefoot.
Perianth of the male flowers 5-cleft and regular. Fruiting perianth (from female flowers) flat, consisting of 2 much enlarged segments . . . . . 6. Orache.

The *Spinage* of our gardens (*Spinacia oleracea*), probably from western Asia, forms a genus closely allied to *Orache*, but with a differently shaped fruiting perianth, and 4 styles. One or two species of *Amaranth*, belonging to the abovementioned *Amaranth* family, have occasionally appeared amongst garden weeds in the neighbourhood of London, but do not appear to have anywhere established themselves in Britain. The same *Amaranth* family includes the *Love-lies-bleeding* and *Prince's-feather* (both species of *Amaranthus*), the *globe Amaranth* (a species of *Gomphrena*), the *Cock's-comb* (*Celosia*), etc., of our gardens.

I. **SALICORN.** SALICORNIA.

Succulent, jointed herbs, sometimes hard and woody at the base, without leaves. Flowers immersed in the upper articles (or internodes), forming terminal, succulent, cylindrical spikes, each article having 6 flowers, 3 in a triangle on each side. Perianth succulent, flat, and nearly closed at the top; the stamens (usually 2 or only 1) protruding through the minutely 3- or 4-toothed orifice. Style included in the perianth, divided into 2 or 3 stigmas. Nut enclosed in the unchanged, succulent periauth. Seed ovoid, without albumen. Radicle bent back over the cotyledons.

A genus of very few species, ranging over the salt-marshes of all parts of the world.

1. Common Salicorn. **Salicornia herbacea,** Linn.

(*S. annua*, Eng. Bot. t. 415, *S. radicans*, t. 1691, *S. fruticosa*, t. 2467, and *S. procumbens*, t. 2475. *Glasswort.*)

In its simplest form this is a glabrous, bright green, succulent, erect annual, scarcely 6 inches high, with few erect branches, each one terminated by a spike of ½ to 1 inch long. When luxuriant, after the first flowering, branches shoot out from every joint or node as well as from the spike itself; the lower ones become hard, and often procumbent, and rooting at the nodes, and the whole plant will extend to a foot or more; and in favourable situations a few plants will outlive the winter, so as to have the appearance of undershrubs, but probably do not last beyond the second year.

In salt-marshes and muddy sea-shores, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, as well as in many other parts of the world. Abundant on the British coasts. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

II. **SUÆDA.** SUÆDA.

Herbs or undershrubs, with rather small, linear, semi-cylindrical, succulent leaves. Flowers and fruit of *Goosefoot*, except that the embryo of the seed is coiled into a spire, with little or no albumen.

A genus of very few species, ranging over the seacoasts of most parts of the globe, readily distinguished amongst British *Chenopodiaceæ* by the foliage as well as by the seed.

Stem shrubby at the base. Leaves obtuse. Styles 3 . . . . . 1. *Shrubby S.*
Stem annual, much branched, or diffuse. Leaves often acute. Styles 2 . . . . . 2. *Herbaceous S.*

1. **Shrubby Suæda. Suæda fruticosa,** Forsk.
(*Salsola*, Eng. Bot. t. 635.)

A branching perennial, more or less shrubby at the base, sometimes erect, and 1 to 2 feet high, sometimes low and spreading. Leaves numerous, linear but thick, nearly cylindrical, and succulent, 3 to 5 or rarely 6 lines long, of a pale green. Flowers small, and solitary or 2 or 3 together, closely sessile in the axils of the leaves. Styles 3, rather longer than the perianth.

In maritime sands, and salt-marshes, all round the Mediterranean, in central Asia, and up the western coasts of Europe to Holland, occurring also here and there in America. In Britain, very local, and chiefly on the eastern and some parts of the southern coasts of England. *Fl. autumn.*

2. **Herbaceous Suæda. Suæda maritima,** Dumort.
(*Chenopodium*, Eng. Bot. t. 633.)

A low, much branched annual, or sometimes biennial, of a green or reddish colour, seldom a foot high, and often not above 2 or 3 inches. Leaves linear and succulent as in the *shrubby S.*, but usually longer and sometimes more pointed; the lower ones often an inch long, the upper ones 3 to 6 lines. Flowers small, green, and sessile, solitary or 2 or 3 together in the axils of the leaves. Styles usually 2 only.

In salt-marshes and maritime sands, in Europe and central Asia, extending northward to the shores of Scandinavia and the Baltic. Common all round the British Isles. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

III. **SALTWORT.** SALSOLA.

Herbs, with semi-cylindrical, succulent or prickly leaves. Perianth regular, 5-cleft, and enclosing the fruit when ripe, as in *Goosefoot* and *Suæda;* but the segments have then a small appendage at the top, forming a horizontal, scarious wing round the perianth. Stamens 5. Styles 2 or 3, often combined at the base, as in *Goosefoot.* Embryo coiled into a spire, with little or no albumen, as in *Suæda.*

The genus comprises a considerable number of maritime species, chiefly from the Mediterranean and western Asia.

1. **Prickly Saltwort. Salsola Kali,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 634.)

A procumbent, glabrous annual, with a hard, much branched stem, 6 inches to near a foot long. Leaves all ending in a stout prickle, the lowest semi-cylindrical, linear, slightly enlarged at the base; the uppermost shorter and broader, nearly triangular. Flowers sessile in the upper axils. The appendage of the perianth spreads horizontally over the fruit, but is usually shorter than the surrounding floral leaves or bracts.

In maritime sands, and salt-marshes, in Europe and western Asia, extending northwards to Scandinavia and the Baltic. Frequent on the coasts of England and Ireland, and in Scotland up to Argyle and Aberdeen. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

IV. **GOOSEFOOT.** CHENOPODIUM.

Herbs, either glabrous or covered with a mealy dust; the leaves flat and alternate; the flowers small and green, in little sessile clusters, collected into spikes in the axils of the upper leaves, or forming large terminal panicles. Perianth of 5 (rarely fewer in a few flowers) equal segments, which enclose the ripe fruit without appendages or alteration, excepting a slight enlargement or thickening. Stamens 5 (rarely fewer). Styles 2 or 3, often connected at the base. Embryo of the seed curved or forming a ring round the albumen.

The species are rather numerous, widely distributed over the globe, with fewer strictly maritime ones than in most other genera of the Order. When young they much resemble the *Oraches*, but as the flowering advances they can be always known by the want of the peculiar fruiting perianths of that genus.

Perennial, with a thick, fleshy root, and broadly triangular, dark green leaves . . . . . 9. *Perennial G.*
Annuals. Leaves green or grey.
Leaves all quite entire. Stems procumbent.
Plant mealy and whitish, with a nauseous smell when rubbed 1. *Stinking G.*
Plant green and scentless . . . . . 2. *Many-seeded G.*
Leaves, at least the lower ones, sinuate, or toothed, or lobed, or angular.
Leaves obtusely toothed or sinuate. Plant more or less mealy-white.
Plant usually erect. Upper leaves narrow and entire, whitish on both sides . . . . . 3. *White G.*
Plant procumbent. Leaves all sinuate, green above, white underneath . . . . . 4. *Glaucous G.*
Lower leaves broad, irregularly and coarsely toothed or lobed. Plant green (except sometimes the nettle-leaved G.).
Lower leaves broadly cordate or truncate at the base. Clusters of flowers chiefly in a loose, terminal, leafless panicle . . . . . 8. *Maple-leaved G.*
Lower leaves wedge-shaped, or narrowed at the base. Clusters of flowers in axillary spikes, or in a short, terminal, leafy panicle.
Axillary spikes erect, simple or but little branched.
Seeds horizontal . . . . . 6. *Upright G.*
Seeds vertical . . . . . 5. *Red G.*
Axillary spikes forked into spreading cymes . . . . . 7. *Nettle-leaved G.*

1. **Stinking Goosefoot. Chenopodium Vulvaria,** Linn.

(*C. olidum*, Eng. Bot. t. 1034.)

A procumbent or spreading, much branched annual, seldom a foot long, covered with a granular mealiness, and remarkable for a strong, stale-fish smell when rubbed. Leaves small, ovate, all quite entire, on rather long stalks. Clusters of flowers small, in short axillary and terminal racemes, often branched, but not much exceeding the leaves in length.

Under walls, in waste and rubbishy places, in Europe and western Asia, extending northwards into southern Scandinavia. Occurs in various parts of England and southern Scotland, more rare in the west, and in Ireland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

2. **Many-seeded Goosefoot. Chenopodium polyspermum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1480, and *C. acutifolium*, t. 1481.)

Usually a procumbent or spreading, much-branched annual, with all the leaves quite entire, as in the *stinking G.*, but without the granular meali-

ness or the nauseous smell of that species. It is also sometimes erect, a foot high, with numerous branches, ascending from the base. Leaves usually rather thin, green, ovate, ½ to 2 inches long. Clusters of flowers small, in short axillary spikes; the upper ones forming an irregular terminal spike or narrow panicle. Calyx-segments thin, green, not covering the seed as in the *white G.*

In cultivated and waste places, dispersed all over Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. In Britain, limited to southern and central England. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

3. **White Goosefoot. Chenopodium album,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. 1723, and *C. ficifolium*, t. 1724.)

A tough annual, usually erect, 1 to 2 feet high, of a pale green, or more or less mealy-white, especially the flowers and the under side of the leaves. Leaves stalked, the lower ones ovate or rhomboidal, more or less sinuately toothed or angular, the upper ones usually narrow and entire. Clusters of flowers in short axillary spikes, either dense or interrupted, simple or slightly branched; the upper ones forming a long panicle, leafy at the base. Seeds entirely enclosed in the perianth, and all horizontal.

In cultivated and waste places, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia to the Arctic regions, and carried out with cultivation to nearly all parts of the globe. The commonest species in Britain. *Fl. all summer, and autumn.* Specimens may sometimes occur with almost all the leaves entire, but they have not the smell of the *stinking G.*, are usually more erect, and if perfect, the lower leaves at least will always show a tendency to the angular or sinuate form.

4. **Glaucous Goosefoot. Chenopodium glaucum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1454.)

Sometimes a low, procumbent plant, like the *stinking G.*, sometimes more erect, but not so much so as the *white G.*, and more branched. Leaves narrow-ovate or oblong, sinuately toothed, but more regularly so than in any other species, green above, mealy-white underneath. Clusters of flowers small, mostly in axillary, nearly simple spikes. Perianth green or slightly mealy, almost closing over the seed, which is usually erect, as in the *red G.*, horizontal only in a few flowers.

In cultivated and waste places, dispersed over Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Occurs occasionally in various parts of England, but not yet detected in Ireland or Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

5. **Red Goosefoot. Chenopodium rubrum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1721, and *C. botryoides*, 2247.)

Very near the *upright G.*, of which it has the foliage and inflorescence, and only differs in that most of the flowers have only 2 or 3 segments to the perianth, with the seed erect, not horizontal, and usually much smaller. The whole plant is more apt to turn red, especially near the sea.

Under walls, on roadsides, and in waste places, especially near the sea, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Dispersed over England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

6. **Upright Goosefoot. Chenopodium urbicum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 717.)

An erect, rather stout, slightly branched annual, 1 to 2 feet high, usually

green, without the mealiness of the *white G.* Lower leaves on long stalks, broadly ovate, triangular or rhomboidal, almost always narrowed or wedge-shaped at the base, coarsely and irregularly toothed or lobed, 2 or 3 inches long, the upper ones narrower and more pointed. Clusters of flowers small and numerous, in crowded axillary spikes, usually erect and slightly branched, more slender than in the *white G.* Perianth small and green, not completely covering the seed, which is always horizontal.

Under walls, on roadsides, and in waste places, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. In Britain, chiefly near habitations, in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

7. **Nettle-leaved Goosefoot. Chenopodium murale,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1722.)

An erect or decumbent and much-branched annual, a foot high or rather more, either green like the *upright G.*, or with a slight, whitish meal. Leaves broadly ovate and coarsely toothed, as in the *upright G.*, and the inflorescence is also chiefly axillary, but the spikes are much branched, forming spreading cymes. Calyx usually slightly mealy, almost closing over the seeds, which are all horizontal.

Under walls, on roadsides, and in waste places, in temperate Europe, as far northward as southern Sweden, all across central and Russian Asia, and in some other countries. Not uncommon near habitations, in some parts of England and Ireland, but does not extend into Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

8. **Maple-leaved Goosefoot. Chenopodium hybridum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1919.)

An erect, branching annual, 1 to 2 or 3 feet high, green and glabrous. Leaves like those of *Spinage*, rather thick, stalked, ovate, coarsely toothed, sinuate or with a few broad lobes, the larger ones 2 or 3 inches long and broadly cordate at the base, the upper ones narrower. Clusters of flowers in forked cymes, forming a loose terminal panicle, scarcely leafy at the base. Perianth green, leaving a considerable part of the seed exposed.

In cultivated and waste places, dispersed over Europe, central and Russian Asia, and North America. Scarce in Britain, and probably confined to England, where it occurs occasionally as a weed of cultivation. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

9. **Perennial Goosefoot. Chenopodium Bonus-Henricus,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1033. *Good King Henry.*)

Distinguished from all the preceding by its perennial stock, with a thick, fleshy root, like that of a *Dock*. Stems about a foot high, scarcely branched. Leaves like those of *Spinage*, stalked, broadly triangular, often above 3 inches long, sinuate or slightly toothed, rather thick, and of a dark green; the upper ones smaller, and nearly sessile. Flowers numerous, in clustered spikes, forming a narrow terminal panicle, slightly leafy at the base. Seeds vertical, not completely concealed by the perianth.

On waste ground, near villages and sheepfolds, in the mountain districts of Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. In Britain, chiefly on roadsides, near villages and dwellings, in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland, but in many places introduced only, having been formerly much cultivated as a potherb. *Fl. spring and all summer.*

V. **BEET.** BETA.

Inflorescence and flowers of *Goosefoot*, except that each flower has 3 small bracts at its base, and that the ovary and seed are immersed in the succulent base of the perianth, which thickens and hardens as it ripens, becoming angular, and often toothed or prickly.

The species are very few, extending along the coasts of Europe, western Asia, and Africa.

1. **Common Beet. Beta maritima,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 285.)

The wild *Beet* has a short, hard stock of a few years' duration, with erect or spreading branched stems about 2 feet high. Lower leaves large, broad, rather thick, and green, the upper ones small and narrow. Flowers green like those of a *Goosefoot*, single or clustered, in long, loose terminal spikes, often branching into a leafy panicle. The ripe perianth forms a hard, angular, often prickly mass, enclosing a single horizontal seed like that of a *Goosefoot*.

On rocks, and in muddy sands by the sea-shore, in Europe, western Asia, and northern Africa, extending northwards to the Baltic. Not uncommon on the British coasts. *Fl. summer and autumn.* The *white* and *red Beets* or *Beetroot* of our gardeners, and the *Mangel Wurzel* (*Root of Scarcity*) of our agriculturists, are cultivated varieties of this species.

VI. **ORACHE.** ATRIPLEX.

Herbs or undershrubs, often covered with a grey or white, scaly meal; the leaves flat and alternate, or the lower ones rarely opposite. Flowers small and numerous, clustered in axillary spikes or terminal panicles as in *Goosefoot*, but always of two kinds; in some, which are usually males only, the perianth is regular and 5-cleft as in *Goosefoot*, with 5 stamens; in the females the perianth consists of two flat segments (or rather, bracts replacing the real perianth), either free or more or less united at the edges, enclosing the ovary. After flowering this false perianth enlarges, is often toothed at the edge, and covered with wart-like excrescences. Seed usually vertical. In some species there are also a few regular female real perianths, which ripen without enlarging, and contain a horizontal seed, as in *Goosefoot*. Embryo curved round the albumen.

A considerable genus, widely spread over the maritime or saline districts of the globe, scarcely any species besides the common one being ever found inland, or away from the saline influence.

Segments of the fruiting perianth united nearly to the top. Leaves all entire and mealy-white.
- Perennial, or shrubby at the base. Fruiting perianth sessile . . . 1. *Purslane O.*
- Annual. Fruiting perianth distinctly stalked . . . . . 2. *Stalked O.*

Segments of the fruiting perianth not united above the middle. Annuals. Leaves either toothed or hastate, or, if entire, narrow and green.
- Segments of the fruiting perianth thin, and quite free. Plant of 4 or 5 feet . . . . . 3. *Garden O.*
- Segments of the fruiting perianth thickish, and partially united. Plant not above 3 feet, erect or procumbent.
  - Floral leaves nearly sessile. Fruiting perianths mostly axillary, white and scaly . . . . . 5. *Frosted O.*
  - Leaves almost all stalked. Fruiting perianths mostly mixed with the male flowers, green or slightly mealy . . . . . 4. *Common O.*

The *shrubby O.* (*A. Halimus*), from the shores of the Mediterranean, is often cultivated in gardens, especially near the seacoast.

1. Purslane Orache. Atriplex portulacoides, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 261. *Sea Purslane. Lesser Shrubby Orache.*)

A low, straggling, much branched shrub or undershrub, often shortly creeping, and rooting at the base, 1 to 1½ feet high, covered with a grey scaliness closer than in other *Oraches*. Leaves obovate or oblong, tapering at the base, or the upper ones linear, seldom above an inch long, and always entire. Flowers in short, interrupted spikes, forming a terminal panicle. Fruiting perianth small and thick, triangular or nearly orbicular; the segments united very nearly to the top, where they are more or less toothed.

On the seacoasts of Europe, western Asia, and northern Africa, extending northwards to the Baltic. Common on the shores of the greater part of England and Ireland, but rare in Scotland. *Fl. autumn.*

2. Stalked Orache. Atriplex pedunculata, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 232.)

Resembles the *Purslane O.* in its entire, thickish leaves, scaly-white on both sides, but is an annual only, with spreading branches, seldom a foot high; the leaves usually broader, the lower ones ovate or obovate. Fruiting perianth always borne on a pedicel of 2 or 3 lines; the segments wedge-shaped, united to the top, where the two angles often project into little recurved points.

In the saline districts of central and south Russian Asia, on the shores of the Black Sea, the Baltic, and the North Sea, as far west as Belgium, but apparently absent from the Mediterranean and the Atlantic coasts. In Britain, only on the eastern shores of England. *Ft. summer and autumn.*

3. Garden Orache. Atriplex hortensis, Linn.

(*A. nitens*, Brit. Fl.)

An erect, stout annual, attaining 4 or 5 feet in height. Leaves broadly triangular, cordate or hastate, or the upper ones narrow, green or slightly white and mealy underneath. Flowers very numerous and crowded, in a long, terminal, leafy panicle. Fruiting perianths of 2 broad, flat segments, distinct nearly from the base, 3 or 4 lines long, quite entire, thin and net-veined, closely clasping the flat vertical seed: intermixed with them are also several small, regular, 5-cleft perianths, half-closed over a horizontal seed as in the *Goosefoots*.

Of east European or west Asiatic origin, but has long been cultivated in kitchen-gardens, and was formerly much used as spinage, and has established itself as an escape from cultivation in several parts of Europe. In Britain, said to be tolerably abundant on the seacoast near Ryde, in the Isle of Wight. *Fl. end of summer, and autumn.* The Ryde specimens are much nearer to the common garden form than to the east European wild variety often distinguished under the name of *A. nitens*.

4. Common Orache. Atriplex patula, Linn.

A most variable plant in stature, in the shape of the leaf, and in the fruiting perianth. It is an annual, erect or prostrate, dark or pale green, or more or less mealy-white, but never so thickly frosted or scaly as the *frosted O.* Leaves all stalked; the lower ones usually hastate and some-

times opposite; the upper ones often narrow and entire, or coarsely toothed. Flowers clustered in rather slender spikes, forming narrow, leafy terminal panicles; the females mixed with the males, or a few in separate axillary clusters. Segments of the fruiting perianth united to about the middle, usually ovate or rhomboidal and pointed, often toothed at the edge and warted or muricate on the back, but very variable in size and shape, often of two kinds, a larger and a smaller, on the same plant.

On the seacoasts of Europe, Asia, and Africa, extending to the Arctic regions, besides being very common inland as a weed of cultivation. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. the whole season except early spring.* The principal forms, which have been distinguished as species, although they run very much one into another, are the following:—

a. *Hastate O.* (*A. patula*, Eng. Bot. t. 936; *A. deltoidea*, Suppl. t. 2860; *A. rosea*, Suppl. t. 2880; and *A. Babingtoni*, Brit. Fl.) Erect or spreading. Lower leaves broadly triangular or hastate, often coarsely and irregularly toothed.

b. *Upright O.* (*A. erecta*, Eng. Bot. t. 2223.) Stem erect. Leaves lanceolate, the lower ones broader and hastate.

c. *Common O.* (*A. angustifolia*, Eng. Bot. t. 1774.) Stem spreading or decumbent. Leaves mostly lanceolate or the upper ones linear.

d. *Narrow O.* (*A. littoralis*, Eng. Bot. t. 708.) Stems prostrate. Leaves still narrower than in the last, often toothed.

All these varieties have maritime forms, with thicker succulent leaves, in some specimens very green and shining, in others more or less mealy-white, especially the *hastate* variety.

5. **Frosted Orache. Atriplex rosea,** Linn.

(*A. laciniata,* Eng. Bot. t. 165.)

Resembles some of the maritime varieties of the *common O.*, but is much more covered with a white sealy meal; the leafstalks are much shorter, the floral leaves almost sessile, and the female perianths are mostly clustered in the axils of the leaves, whilst the male flowers are in rather dense spikes, forming short terminal panicles. Leaves usually broadly triangular or rhomboidal, and coarsely toothed. Fruiting perianths always mealy-white, rather thick, rhomboidal or orbicular, often warted: the segments united to above the middle, but not so high as in the *Purslane O.*

On the seacoasts, and in the saline districts, of Europe, Asia, and Africa, but not extending to the Arctic regions. Not uncommon round the British Isles. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

LXII. THE POLYGONUM FAMILY. POLYGONACEÆ.

Herbs, or, in some exotic species, shrubs, with alternate leaves, and thin, scarious stipules, forming a sheath or ring round the stem within the leafstalk. Flowers small, herbaceous or sometimes coloured, clustered in the axils of the leaves or in spikes or racemes, forming terminal panicles. Perianth of 6, 5, or fewer segments, regular and equal, or the inner ones enlarged. Stamens variable in number, never more than 8 in the British species. Ovary free, with a single ovule, but with 2, 3, or more

styles or stigmas. Fruit a small, seed-like nut, enclosed in the persistent perianth. Embryo of the seed straight or curved, in a mealy albumen.

A considerable Order, dispersed over every part of the globe, from the hottest tropical plains to the extreme Arctic regions, or to the highest mountain-summits, close to the limits of perpetual snows. Some tropical species are tall, woody climbers, or erect shrubs, but the majority of the Order are herbs approaching the *Goosefoot* family in character, and sometimes in habit, but always readily known by their sheathing stipules, even when reduced to a narrow ring or a mere line surrounding the stem. They also very seldom acquire any of the mealiness of the *Goosefoot* family.

Fruiting perianth of 6 segments, 3 inner ones often enlarged . . 1. Dock.
Fruiting perianth of 4 segments, 2 inner ones enlarged . . . . . 2. Oxyria.
Fruiting perianth of 5 nearly equal segments . . . . . 3. Polygonum.

The *Rhubarbs* of our gardeners and druggists are species of the genus *Rheum*, belonging to the *Polygonum* family.

I. **DOCK.** RUMEX.

Herbs or shrubs, the British species all perennials, with a thick rootstock, and erect, furrowed, annual stems; the thin sheathing stipules never fringed on the edge, but soon becoming torn or jagged. Lower leaves stalked and often large. Flowers numerous, small, herbaceous, though often turning red, usually pedicellate, in whorl-like clusters, axillary or in terminal racemes, often branching into panicles. Perianth deeply 6-cleft; when in fruit the 3 inner segments become enlarged and close over the triangular nut. Stamens 6. Styles 3, very short, with fringed stigmas.

A considerable genus, spread over the greater part of the world, very readily distinguished from the rest of the Order, but the species vary so much in appearance that it is often very difficult to fix their real limits. They can also seldom be determined without the fruiting perianth, from which most of the characters are taken. They may be readily distributed into two distinct sections, the true *Docks* and the *Sorrels*.

Leaves never hastate at the base (though often cordate, with obtuse auricles). Flowers mostly hermaphrodite (Docks).
Inner perianth-segments entire, or with one or two scarcely perceptible teeth.
Segments broadly ovate, more or less cordate. Panicle narrow and crowded when in fruit.
No tubercle on any of the perianth-segments . . . . . 1. *Grainless D.*
A tubercle on one at least of the perianth-segments . . . 2. *Curled D.*
Segments ovate, not cordate.
Tall water-plant. Lower leaves above a foot long. Panicle erect. A tubercle on all three perianth-segments . . 3. *Great D.*
Plant seldom above 3 feet. Lower leaves not a foot. Panicle very spreading. Perianths small.
A tubercle on all three perianth-segments . . . . . 4. *Sharp D.*
A tubercle on one segment only . . . . . 5. *Red-veined D.*
Inner perianth-segments toothed on the edge, one at least of the teeth ending in a fine point.
Panicle erect. Pedicels longer than the perianth . . . . . 6. *Broad-leaved D.*
Panicle very spreading. Pedicels shorter than the fruiting perianth.
Leaves chiefly radical. Pedicels thickened. Teeth of the perianth-segments stiff and short . . . . . 7. *Fiddle D.*
Panicle leafy. Perianths densely clustered with long fine teeth to the segments . . . . . 8. *Golden D.*

Leaves, at least the lower ones, hastate (with acute auricles).
Flowers mostly unisexual (Sorrels).
Leaves oblong or broadly lanceolate. Inner segments of the fruiting perianth enlarged and orbicular . . . . . 9. *Sorrel D.*
Leaves narrow-lanceolate or linear. Inner segments of the fruiting perianth not enlarged . . . . . 10. *Sheep-sorrel D.*

Besides the above, the *alpine D.* (*R. alpinus*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2694), from the mountains of continental Europe, formerly cultivated for its root, a very broad-leaved species of *true Dock*, with entire, grainless perianth-segments, and the *French-sorrel D.* (*R. scutatus*), also a common plant in Continental mountains, sometimes cultivated as a Sorrel, have both been met with occasionally in Scotland or northern England, near the gardens from which they had escaped, but neither of them appears to be really established in Britain.

1. **Grainless Dock. Rumex aquaticus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2698.)

Closely resembles the larger and denser-flowered forms of the *curled D.*, of which it may be a luxuriant variety. The leaves are usually not so much crisped, sometimes nearly flat, and often 9 or 10 inches long and full 3 inches broad; the panicle long and much crowded; but the chief difference is in the inner segments of the fruiting perianth, which are of the same shape, but have no tubercle, although a slight thickening of the midrib may be sometimes observed.

In rather rich and moist situations, in northern and Arctic Europe, Asia, and America, and in the mountains of central Europe. In Britain, chiefly in Scotland and the north of England. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Curled Dock. Rumex crispus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1998.)

Stem 2 to 3 feet high, with but few branches, usually short, and seldom spreading. Radical leaves long and narrow, usually much waved or crisped at the edges, and about 6 to 8 inches long, but varying much in size; the upper ones smaller and narrower, gradually passing into mere bracts. Whorls of flowers numerous, and when in fruit much crowded in a long narrow panicle, although the slender pedicels are really longer than the perianths. Inner segments of the fruiting perianth broadly ovate, more or less cordate, one of them bearing on the midrib an ovoid or oblong, coloured tubercle or *grain*, whilst the others have the midrib only a little thickened, except in more southern varieties, where all three have often a tubercle.

On roadsides, in ditches, pastures, and waste places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, and (probably naturalized) in many other parts of the globe. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer.* Specimens are occasionally found with the leaves rather broader and the perianth-segments very slightly toothed, showing an approach to the *broad D.* These are by some believed to be hybrids between the two species, by others considered as a distinct species (*R. pratensis*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2757, a specimen very near the *broad D.*)

3. **Broad Dock. Rumex obtusifolius,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1999.)

Stem 2 or 3 feet high, and but slightly branched, as in the *curled D.*, which it much resembles. It differs however in the broader leaves, the

radical ones often 8 or 9 inches by 3 or 4, rounded at the top, and cordate at the base, the upper ones narrower and more pointed; in the looser and more distinct whorls of flowers, and the less crowded panicles, although not near so spreading as in the *red-veined D.*; and especially in the inner segments of the perianth, which, although often broadly ovate, are never cordate, and are bordered below the middle by a few small teeth, usually ending in a fine point. As in the *curled D.*, one or all three segments have a small tubercle at the base.

In the same situations and at least as widely spread and as common as the *curled D.*, with which and the *red-veined D.* it is usually mixed. Very abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Water Dock. Rumex Hydrolapathum,** Huds.

(*R. aquaticus*, Eng. Bot. t. 2104.)

Stem 3 to 5 feet high, slightly branched. Leaves long, lanceolate or oblong, usually pointed, and flat or only very minutely crisped at the edges; the lower ones often 1 to 2 feet long, narrowed at the base into a long erect footstalk. Panicle long and rather dense, leafy at the base, the branches scarcely spreading. Inner perianth-segments ovate, not so broad as in the *curled D.*, and never cordate, entire or scarcely toothed, with a large oblong tubercle on all three, or rarely wanting on one of them.

On the edges of streams and pools, and in watery ditches, in central and northern Europe and Russian Asia, but not an Arctic plant. Generally dispersed over England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

5. **Clustered Dock. Rumex conglomeratus,** Murr.

(*R. acutus*, Eng. Bot. t. 724.)

Resembles in many respects the *red-veined D.*, of which it may be a tall, luxuriant variety, showing some approach to the *water D.* Stem 2 to 3 feet high. Leaves often pointed, as in the *water D.*, but more waved on the edges, and the lower ones often rounded or even cordate at the base. Panicle with spreading branches and distinct whorls, as in the *red-veined D.*, but larger. Inner perianth-segments narrow-ovate, rather larger than in the *red-veined D.*, and usually all three equal, with an oblong tubercle upon each.

In meadows, pastures, and waste places, usually in richer and wetter situations than the *red-veined D.*, widely spread over Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, and apparently naturalized in many other parts of the world. Generally distributed over Britain, but not always readily distinguished from the *red-veined D.* *Fl. summer.*

6. **Red-veined Dock. Rumex sanguineus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1533.)

Stem not so tall as in most of the preceding species, seldom above 2 feet, and more branched. Radical leaves oblong or lanceolate, sometimes cordate at the base, waved on the edges, and sometimes narrowed in the middle as in the *fiddle D.* Panicle leafy at the base, with stiff, though slender, very spreading branches; the whorls of flowers all distinct. Pedicels shorter than in the foregoing, but longer than in the following species. Fruiting perianths small; the inner segments narrow, and entire or scarcely toothed, one about 1½ lines long, with a large tubercle, the two others usually smaller, without any or only a very small tubercle.

On roadsides, in ditches, pastures, and waste places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, usually accompanying the *curled D.* and the *broad D.* Abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer.* It varies considerably, and often assumes a red tint, especially on the leafstalks and panicle.

7. **Fiddle Dock. Rumex pulcher,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1576.)

A rather low species, often not a foot high, and seldom 2 feet, with stiff, very spreading branches. Leaves chiefly radical, oblong, cordate at the base, and often narrowed in the middle. Whorls of flowers all quite distinct, forming very compact clusters; the fruiting pedicels thickened and recurved, shorter than the perianth. Inner segments toothed, as in the *broad D.*, but narrow-ovate, all 3, or only 1 or 2 of them bearing a tubercle.

On roadsides and in waste places, in central and southern Europe and western Asia, very common in the Mediterranean region, but not extending into northern Germany. In Britain, chiefly in southern England and Ireland, but occurs as far north as Nottingham and Stafford. *Fl. summer.*

8. **Golden Dock. Rumex maritimus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 725.)

Stem 1 to 1½ feet high, often much branched. Leaves narrow-lanceolate or linear. Flowers small and very numerous, densely crowded in globular axillary whorls, even the upper floral leaves being much longer than the flowers. Pedicels slender but short. Inner segments of the fruiting perianth lanceolate or triangular, fringed with rather long fine teeth, and with a narrow-oblong tubercle upon each segment. The whole plant, and especially the perianth, often assumes a yellowish hue.

In marshes, chiefly near the sea, in temperate Europe and Russian Asia, extending northwards into Scandinavia. In Britain, apparently confined to England and Ireland. *Fl. summer.* A more luxuriant variety, with the whorls more distant, and rather shorter points to the teeth of the perianth-segments, has been distinguished as a species under the name of *R. palustris* (Eng. Bot. t. 1932, not good).

9. **Sorrel Dock. Rumex Acetosa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 127. *Sorrel.*)

Stems scarcely branched, 1 to 2 feet high. Leaves chiefly radical, oblong, 3 to 5 inches long, sagittate at the base with broad pointed auricles, of a bright green, and very acid; the stem-leaves few, on shorter stalks. Flowers dicœcious or sometimes monœcious, in long, terminal, leafless panicles, usually turning red. Inner segments of the fruiting perianth enlarged, orbicular, thin and almost petal-like, quite entire, without any tubercle, but each with a minute scale-like appendage at the base, which, as well as the small outer segments, is turned back on the pedicel.

In meadows and moist pastures, in Europe, central and Russian Asia, and northern America, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle, ascending high into mountain-ranges, and reappearing in the southern hemisphere. Extends all over Britain, and has long been in cultivation. *Fl. summer.*

10. **Sheep-sorrel Dock. Rumex Acetosella,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1674. *Sheep-sorrel.*)

A slender plant, from 3 or 4 inches to nearly a foot high, acid like the

Sorrel D., and often turning red. Leaves all narrow-lanceolate and linear, and some at least of every plant sagittate, the lobes of the base usually spreading and often divided. Flowers small, dicœcious, in slender terminal panicles. Segments of the perianth small, broadly ovate or orbicular, entire, and thin; the inner ones closing over the nut as in the other species, but scarcely enlarged; the outer ones erect, not reflexed as in the *Sorrel D.*

In pastures, especially in dry open places, over the greater part of the globe without the tropics, penetrating far into the Arctic regions, and ascending high upon alpine summits. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. from spring till autumn.*

II. **OXYRIA.** OXYRIA.

A single species, with the habit of a small *Dock* of the *Sorrel* group, separated from that genus because the perianth has only 2 inner and 2 outer segments of the perianth, and the ovary has only 2 stigmas.

1. **Kidney Oxyria. Oxyria reniformis,** Campd.

(*Rumex digynus*, Eng. Bot. t. 910.)

A glabrous perennial, seldom above 6 inches high, of an acid flavour. Leaves chiefly radical, cordate-orbicular or kidney-shaped, usually less than half an inch, but sometimes an inch broad. Stem slender and almost leafless, terminating in a simple or slightly branched raceme. Flowers small, in clusters of 2 or 3, on slender pedicels; the inner segments of the perianth slightly enlarged, but shorter than the nut. Stamens 6. Nut flat, orbicular, about 2 lines in diameter, including a scarious wing, which surrounds it, and is either entire or notched at the top and at the base.

A high alpine plant, in all the great mountain-ranges of Europe and central and Russian Asia, descending to a lower level in the north, and extending far into the Arctic regions. Frequent in the mountains of Scotland, northern England, North Wales, and northern Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

III. **POLYGONUM.** POLYGONUM.

Herbs, varying much in habit, but not so stiffly erect as the *Docks*, and sometimes prostrate, floating, or twining; the scarious stipules usually sheathing the stem and often fringed at the edge; the leaves alternate. Flowers small, pale-green or red, clustered or rarely solitary in the axils of the upper leaves, or in terminal heads, spikes, or panicles. Perianth of 5 (rarely fewer) segments, either all equal or 2 or 3 outer ones enlarged. Stamens 8 or sometimes fewer. Styles 3 or 2, sometimes united at the base, the stigmas entire. Nut triangular or flattened, enclosed in or surrounded by the persistent perianth.

A large genus, widely spread over every part of the globe.

Stems much branched, wiry, often prostrate. Flowers axillary.
- Annual. Nuts scarcely above a line long, opaque, dotted, or wrinkled . . . . . 1. *Knotweed P.*
- Perennial. Nuts about 2 lines long, very smooth and shining . 2. *Sea P.*

Stems twining. Flowers in loose racemes.
- Fruiting perianth triangular, scarcely winged . . . . . 3. *Climbing P.*
- Fruiting perianth with 3 white, scarious wings . . . . . 4. *Copse P.*

Stems usually ascending or erect, or floating. Flowers in terminal spikes.
Rootstock perennial. Spikes solitary or rarely two.
Leaves oblong-linear. Spike slender and linear . . . . . 5. *Viviparous P.*
Leaves ovate or oblong-lanceolate. Spike dense, oblong or cylindrical.
Styles 3. Leaves chiefly radical. Stem-leaves few and small . . . . . 6. *Bistort P.*
Styles 2. Stem floating or ascending, with large, oblong, stalked leaves . . . . . 7. *Amphibious P.*
Annuals. Stems branched with several spikes.
Spikes dense, seldom above an inch long.
Pedicels and perianths quite smooth. Stipules usually fringed . . . . . 8. *Persicaria P.*
Pedicels and perianth rough with glands. Stipules usually entire . . . . . 9. *Pale P.*
Spikes long and slender; the clusters of flowers, at least the lower ones, distinct.
Perianth covered with raised dots. Taste biting . . . . 10. *Waterpepper P.*
Perianth without raised dots. Taste not biting . . . . 11. *Slender P.*

The *tall Persicaria* of our gardens is an east Asiatic *Polygonum* (*P. orientale*), and several other Asiatic species have been recently introduced into our flower-gardens. The *Buckwheat* of agriculturists, occasionally found on the margins of fields where it had been cultivated, is also an Asiatic plant, included by some in *Polygonum* (*P. Fagopyrum*, Eng. Bot. t. 1044), by others separated into a distinct genus under the name of *Fagopyrum*.

1. **Knotweed Polygonum. Polygonum aviculare,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1252. *Knotgrass.*)

A much branched, wiry annual, prostrate when in the open ground, erect when drawn up amongst corn or grass, often a foot or two long. Stipules white and scarious, becoming ragged at the edges. Leaves narrow-oblong, small, very rarely attaining an inch in length. Flowers small, shortly stalked, in clusters of 2 to 5 in the axils of most of the leaves. Styles 3. Fruiting perianths but little more than a line long; the segments white on the edge, green in the centre. Nuts triangular, seldom exceeding the perianth, not shining, and, when seen through a strong glass, minutely granulated or wrinkled.

In cultivated and waste places, almost all over the globe, from the tropics to the Arctic regions. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. almost the whole season.* It varies much in its branches, sometimes very long and slender, with very few distant leaves, sometimes short and densely matted, with the small leaves much crowded. A maritime variety, distinguished under the name of *P. littorale*, with rather thicker leaves and larger flowers and nuts, has been sometimes confounded with young or luxuriant specimens of the *sea P.*, but has not the shining nuts of that species.

2. **Sea Polygonum. Polygonum maritimum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2804.)

When flowering the first year of its growth, or when luxuriant, this species is distinguished from the *Knotweed P.* by its thicker stems, larger and thicker, more glaucous leaves, larger scarious stipules, brown and much veined at the base, larger flowers, and especially by the nuts, often 2 lines long, projecting beyond the perianth, and very smooth and shining. Older specimens, grown in drier sands, have a woody, perennial stock, with short, thick branches, completely covered by the stipules, the internodes being all very short.

In maritime sands, on most of the seacoasts of the northern hemisphere, and here and there also in the south. Common on the British coasts. *Fl. end of summer, and autumn.* It is considered by American botanists as a variety of the *Knotweed P.* The *P. Roberti* or *P. Raii* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2805) is rather a young or a luxuriant state of this plant than a distinct variety, although those names are sometimes given to the maritime variety of the *Knotweed P.*

3. **Climbing Polygonum. Polygonum Convolvulus,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 941. *Climbing Buckwheat. Black Bindweed.*)

A glabrous annual, with the twining stem of a *Convolvulus.* Stipules short. Leaves stalked, heart-shaped or broadly sagittate, and pointed. Flowers in little loose clusters; the lower ones axillary, the upper ones forming loose, irregular terminal racemes. Styles 3. Fruiting perianth not 2 lines long; the 3 outer segments closely surrounding the triangular nut, and sometimes sharply keeled on the midrib, but not winged.

In cultivated and waste places, throughout Europe, in central and Russian Asia, and North America, to the Arctic regions. Frequent in Britain. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

4. **Copse Polygonum. Polygonum dumetorum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2811.)

Stem, foliage, and inflorescence of the *climbing P.*, of which it may be a mere variety; but it is more luxuriant, and the 3 angles of the fruiting perianth are more or less expanded into a white, scarious wing, which is often decurrent on the pedicel, the whole perianth being often 3 lines long. The nut is also usually more shining.

In hedges, open woods, or rich, cultivated places, in Europe, Russian Asia, and North America, but not so common, nor extending so far northward, as the *climbing P.* In Britain, chiefly in the southern counties of England. *Fl. end of summer, and autumn.*

5. **Viviparous Polygonum. Polygonum viviparum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 669.)

Stock perennial and tuberous, with simple, erect, slender stems, 4 to 6 or rarely 8 inches high. Radical leaves on long stalks, narrow-oblong or linear; stem-leaves few, nearly sessile or clasping the stem. Spike solitary and terminal, slender, 1½ to 3 inches long. Flowers, when perfect, pale flesh-coloured, and small, with 3 styles, but the lower ones, and sometimes all, are converted into little red bulbs, by which the plant propagates.

In alpine pastures, often at great elevations, in all the great mountain-ranges of Europe and Asia, descending to lower levels in the north, and penetrating far into the Arctic regions. Frequent in the Highlands of Scotland, and occurs also in northern England and North Wales, but is not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

6. **Bistort Polygonum. Polygonum Bistorta,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 509. *Bistort. Snakeweed.*)

Perennial rootstock thick, and often spreading considerably. Radical leaves in broad patches, on long stalks, ovate-lanceolate or cordate, often 3 to 6 inches long. Stems simple and erect, 1 to 2 feet high, with a few nearly sessile leaves, and terminating in a single, dense, oblong, or cyliudri-

cal flower-spike, 1 to 2 inches long. Perianth pink or rarely white. Styles 3. Stamens longer than the perianth.

In moist pastures, and meadows, chiefly in hilly districts, in Europe, central and Russian Asia, and northern America, extending into the Arctic regions. Occurs in various parts of Britain, chiefly in the north of England, but is often local, and in some instances a straggler from gardens. *Fl. summer.*

7. **Amphibious Polygonum. Polygonum amphibium,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 436.)

A glabrous perennial, usually floating in water, and rooting at the lower nodes. Leaves oblong or lanceolate, rather thick, 3 to 6 inches long, spreading on the surface of the water. Spikes terminal, solitary or rarely two together, supported on short peduncles above the water, dense and cylindrical, 1 to 1½ inches long, of a rose-red. Stamens usually 5. Styles 2. Nuts flattened.

In ponds and watery ditches, in Europe, central and Russian Asia, and northern America, to the Arctic regions. Extends all over Britain. *Fl. summer.* When growing in dried-up ponds or muddy ditches the stems are creeping at the base, then shortly erect, and the leaves are often downy.

8. **Persicaria Polygonum. Polygonum Persicaria,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 756. *Common Persicaria.*)

An erect or spreading, branched annual, glabrous or slightly hoary, and often turning red, 1 to 2 feet high. Leaves lanceolate, stalked, or the upper ones sessile; the larger ones 3 to 5 inches long, and an inch broad or rather more, often marked in the centre with a dark spot. Stipules more or less fringed at the top with short fine bristles. Spikes terminal, rather numerous, oblong or cylindrical, and seldom above an inch long, dense, but not so regular as in the *amphibious P.*, and there is often a cluster of flowers a little below. Flowers reddish or sometimes green, not dotted. Stamens usually 6. Styles usually 2. Nuts flattened but rather thick, smooth and shining, and often concave on one side. Occasionally there are 3 styles, and the nut is then triangular.

In ditches, on roadsides, in cultivated and waste places, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia to the Arctic regions. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. all summer and autumn.* It varies much in stature and in colour, in the number and density of the spikes, and in the achenes more or less concave or convex on one or both sides.

9. **Pale Polygonum. Polygonum lapathifolium,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1382.)

Closely resembles the *Persicaria P.*, and is probably a mere variety, distinguished by the pedicels and perianths dotted with small prominent glands. The colour of the plant is usually pale green, the stipules seldom fringed, and the nuts usually concave on both sides, but these characters are not constant.

In cornfields and waste places, with nearly the same range as the *Persicaria P.*, but usually in richer soils, and does not extend so far north. In Britain, recorded from England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.* Specimens agreeing with the *Persicaria P.* in everything but the glandular dots, have been described as a third species under the name of *P. laxum* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2822).

10. **Waterpepper Polygonum. Polygonum Hydropiper,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 989.)

Stature and foliage nearly as in the *Persicaria P.*, but a more slender plant, often decumbent or even creeping at the base, the stipules more fringed at the top, the leaves narrower, and the flowers in slender spikes, often 2 or 3 inches long, more or less nodding, the clusters of flowers almost all distinct, and the lower ones often distant and axillary. Perianths, and often the bracts and stipules or other parts of the plant, dotted with small glands, and the whole plant is more or less acrid or biting to the taste.

In wet ditches, and on the edges of ponds and streams, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia to the Arctic regions. Abundant in England and Ireland, more rare in the Scotch Highlands. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

11. **Slender Polygonum. Polygonum minus,** Huds.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1043.)

Very near the *Waterpepper P.*, and probably a mere variety. It is usually a smaller plant, with rather smaller flowers, in closer, although slender spikes, and has neither the glandular perianths nor the biting flavour of that species.

In ditches and waste places, on roadsides, etc., over the whole range of the *Waterpepper P.* In Britain, not so common as that species, and scarcely extends into Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.* The smaller, most distinct form is usually found in drier situations. When growing in richer, wet situations, it can only be distinguished from the *Waterpepper P.* by the absence of the glands on the perianth. This form has been published as a species, under the name of *P. mite* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2867). It is not improbable that further observation may show that this and the three last *Polygonums* are all varieties of one species.

LXIII. THE DAPHNE FAMILY. THYMELEACEÆ.

A family limited in Britain to the single genus *Daphne.* The exotic genera associated with it differ chiefly in the number of the stamens and in the number and form of the divisions of the perianth, or in the consistence of the fruit.

The species are rather numerous in southern Africa and Australia, including among the latter the *Pimeleas* of our greenhouses, with a few from the tropics or the northern hemisphere.

I. DAPHNE. DAPHNE.

Shrubs, or, in some exotic species, trees, with alternate or rarely opposite entire leaves, and no stipules; the flowers either coloured or sometimes green, either lateral, or, in exotic species, terminal. Perianth inferior, deciduous, with a distinct tube and a spreading 4-cleft limb. Stamens 8, inserted in the top of the tube. Ovary free within the tube, 1-celled, with a single pendulous ovule. Style exceedingly short, with a capitate stigma. Fruit a berry or drupe, the endocarp forming a slightly crustaceous, 1-seeded stone.

A considerable genus, widely spread over the northern hemisphere, with a few species extending into the tropics.

Leaves deciduous. Flowers purple, below the leaves . . . . . 1. *Mezereon D.*
Leaves evergreen. Flowers green, axillary . . . . . 2. *Spurge D.*

Several exotic species are cultivated for the beauty or the perfume of their flowers, especially the *D. odora*, *D. pontica*, *D. cneorum*, etc.

1. **Mezereon Daphne. Daphne Mezereum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1381. *Mezereon.*)

An erect, glabrous shrub, of 1 to 3 feet, with few, erect branches, each terminated by a tuft or shoot of narrow-oblong or lanceolate, deciduous leaves, about 2 or 3 inches long. Before these leaves are fully out, the flowers appear in clusters of 2 or 3 along the preceding year's shoot: they are purple and sweet-scented. Perianth-tube 3 or 4 lines long, and slightly hairy, the lobes rather shorter. Berries red.

In woods, chiefly in hilly districts, spread over nearly the whole of Europe and Russian Asia to the Arctic regions. In Britain, however, believed to be truly wild only in some of the southern counties of England. *Fl. early spring.*

2. **Spurge Daphne. Daphne Laureola,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 119. *Spurge Laurel.*)

An erect, glabrous shrub, of 2 to 4 feet, with few erect branches, and evergreen, oblong or lanceolate leaves, crowded towards their summits. Flowers in clusters or very short racemes of 3 to 5 in the axils of the leaves, rather smaller than in the *Mezereon D.*, green and scentless, and accompanied by more conspicuous bracts. Berries bluish-black.

In woods, in southern and western Europe, scarcely extending into Germany. Not uncommon in England, doubtfully indigenous in southern Scotland, and unknown in Ireland. *Fl. spring.*

The large and important tropical family of the *Laurels*, remarkable amongst *Monochlamyds* for the peculiar mode in which the anthers open (like those of the *Barberry*), is represented in our plantations by the *Bay-tree* (*Laurus nobilis*), which is the true *Laurel* of the ancients and of poets.

LXIV. THE ELÆAGNUS FAMILY. ELÆAGNACEÆ.

Shrubs or trees, more or less covered with minute, silvery or brown, scurfy scales, differing from the *Daphne* family in the erect, not pendulous, ovule and seed.

An Order of very few genera, dispersed over the northern hemisphere. The principal one, *Elæagnus*, has not the clustered male flowers so peculiar in our *Hippophae*. One or two of its species, from south-eastern Europe and Asia, are not uncommon in our shrubberies.

I. HIPPOPHAE. HIPPOPHAE.

A single species, distinguished as a genus by its diœcious flowers; the males

in axillary clusters, with a perianth of 2 small segments and 4 stamens; the females solitary, with a tubular perianth, minutely 2-lobed, which becomes succulent, forming a berry round the true fruit. The reduced perianth and clustered flowers show considerable affinity with *Gale* in the *Catkin* family.

1. **Common Hippophae. Hippophae rhamnoides,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 425. *Sallow-Thorn. Sea-Buckthorn.*)

A willow-like shrub, covered with a scaly scurf, very close and silvery on the under side of the leaves, thin or none on the upper side, dense, and more or less rusty on the young shoots and flowers, the axillary shoots often ending in a stout prickle. Leaves alternate, linear, and entire. Male flowers very small, in little clusters resembling catkins. Females crowded, although solitary in each axil; the perianth about 2 lines long, contracted at the top, with the style shortly protruding, forming when in fruit a small yellowish or brown berry.

In stony or sandy places, especially in beds of rivers and torrents, in central and eastern Europe and central and Russian Asia, also occasionally near the seacoasts of the Baltic and the North Sea. In Britain, very local, and only near the seacoasts of some of the eastern counties of England. *Fl. spring.*

LXV. THE SANDALWOOD FAMILY. SANTALACEÆ.

A family limited in Britain to a single species, but comprising several exotic genera, chiefly tropical or southern, differing from the *Daphne* family in the perianth combined with the ovary at its base, in its valvate, not imbricate, lobes, and in minute but important particulars in the structure of the ovary.

I. THESIUM. THESIUM.

Low herbs or undershrubs, with alternate entire leaves, no stipules, and small flowers. Perianth adhering to the ovary at the base; the limb divided into 4 or 5 lobes or segments, valvate in the bud. Stamens 4 or 5, opposite the lobes of the perianth. Ovary inferior, 1-celled, with 2 ovules suspended from a central placenta. Style short, with a capitate stigma. Fruit a small green nut, crowned by the lobes of the perianth. Seed solitary, with a small, straight embryo in the top of the albumen.

A considerable genus, widely spread over Europe and temperate Asia, but chiefly abundant in southern Africa. Some of the European species have been ascertained to be partially parasitical on the roots of other plants, to which they attach themselves by means of expanded suckers, like the *yellow Rattle* and some others of the *Scrophularia* family.

1. **Flax-leaved Thesium. Thesium linophyllum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 247. *T. humifusum,* Bab. Man. *Bastard Toadflax.*)

A glabrous, green perennial, forming a short, woody rootstock, with several annual, procumbent or ascending, stiff stems, usually simple, 6 or 8 inches long, but sometimes near a foot. Leaves narrow-linear, or, when very luxu-

riant, rather broader, and above an inch long. Flowers small, in a terminal raceme, leafy, and sometimes branching at the base; each flower on a distinct peduncle, with 3 linear bracts close under it. Perianth cleft almost down to the ovary; the tube of a greenish-yellow colour; the segments white, waved or almost toothed on the edges, and rolled inwards after flowering. Nut small, ovoid, marked with several longitudinal veins or ribs.

In meadows and pastures, attaching itself to the roots of a great variety of plants, generally dispersed over temperate Europe and Russian Asia, but not extending into Scandinavia. In Britain, only in the chalky pastures of the southern counties of England. *Fl. all summer.*

LXVI. **ARISTOLOCHIA FAMILY.** ARISTOLOCHIACEÆ.

Herbs, or, in exotic species, tall climbers, with alternate leaves, and often leafy stipules; the flowers brown or greenish. Perianth combined with the ovary at the base, either 3-lobed or very irregular. Stamens usually 6 or 12, inserted on the perianth. Ovary and fruit inferior, 3- or 6-celled, with several seeds in each cell. Albumen fleshy, with a minute embryo.

A small family, widely spread over the globe, chiefly in the warmer districts. The principal genus, *Aristolochia*, remarkable for the tubular perianth, often curved, terminating in an obliquc, entire limb, is not British; but the tall, climbing *A. sipho*, and some other species, are often cultivated in our gardens; and the *A. clematitis* (Eng. Bot. t. 398), from southern Europe, has been occasionally found in stony, rubbishy places in some parts of England, whcre it has strayed from gardens. It is an erect perennial, of about 1½ feet, with broadly cordate leaves, and slender, yellowish-green flowers clustered in their axils.

I. **ASARUM.** ASARUM.

Perianth campanulate, regular, 3-cleft. Stamens 12.

A genus of very few species, dispersed over Europe, temperatc Asia, and North Amcrica.

1. **Common Asarum. Asarum europæum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1083. *Asarabacca.*)

A low perennial, with a shortly creeping rootstock, and very short, inconspicuous stems. Leaves usually 2 only, almost radical, on long stalks, orbicular-cordate or kidney-shaped, 1 to 2 or even 3 inches broad. Betwecn them is a single greenish-brown flower, about half an inch long, on a short, recurved stalk; the perianth divided to the middle into 3 broad, pointed lobes.

In woods and shady places, in ccntral and southern Europe and temperate Russian Asia, extending northwards into southern Scaudinavia. Rare in Britain, but believed to be a truc native in a few localitics in thc north of England and in Wiltshire. *Fl. May.*

LXVII. THE SPURGE FAMILY.* EUPHORBIACEÆ.

Herbs, shrubs, or trees, much varied in foliage and inflorescence. Flowers always unisexual, with or without a perianth. Stamens various. Ovary consisting of 3 (rarely 2 or more than 3) united carpels, each with 1 or 2 pendulous ovules. Styles as many as carpels, entire or divided. In the fruit these carpels separate from each other and from a persistent axis, and usually open with elasticity in two valves. Seed with a large embryo in fleshy albumen.

A vast family, chiefly tropical, so varied in aspect that no general idea can be formed of it from the three genera which represent it in Britain, nor is the connection between these three genera easily understood without a comparison with intermediate exotic forms. The structure of the ovary and fruit is peculiar to this family amongst unisexual plants.

Several male flowers (looking like single stamens) and one stalked ovary collected in a small involucre, which has the appearance of a cup-shaped perianth . . . . . 1. SPURGE.
Male and female flowers distinct.
Herbs, with thin leaves . . . . . 2. MERCURY.
Shrubs, with shining, evergreen leaves . . . . . 3. BOX.

The *Poinsettia* of our hothouses, remarkable for its brilliant red bracts, belongs to this family, but generally speaking the tropical *Euphorbiaceæ* are not ornamental enough for cultivation.

I. SPURGE. EUPHORBIA.

The European species are herbs, abounding in milky juice; the lower part of the stems simple, with alternate leaves (except in the *caper S.*). Flowering branches or peduncles axillary, the upper ones in a terminal umbel of 2 to 5 or more rays, each ray or axillary peduncle usually several times forked, with a pair of opposite floral leaves at each fork, and a small green, apparent flower, really a head of flowers, between the branches These *flower-heads* consist of a small, cup-shaped *involucre* (looking like a perianth), with 4 or 5 very small teeth, alternating with as many horizontal yellowish or brown *glands*. Within are 10 to 15 stamens, each with a jointed filament, and a minute scale at its base, showing that they are each a distinct male flower. In the centre is a single female flower, consisting of a 3-celled ovary, supported on a stalk projecting from the involucre and curved downwards. Style 3-cleft. Fruit of 3 carpels, each with a single seed.

A very large genus, extending almost over every part of the globe, including many shrubby species in the tropics, or large, leafless, succulent ones in southern Africa.

Prostrate plant, with all the leaves at the time of flowering floral and opposite, with minute stipules . . . . . 1. *Purple S.*

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* In the enumeration of Families (above, p. 51) this is entered as the *Euphorb* family, an anglicizing of the Latin name which had been suggested to me. On further consideration it has appeared to me to be unnecessary, but I omitted to make the alteration before sending to press.

Stem erect or decumbent at the base, the lower leaves alternate, and no stipules.
Glands of the involucre rounded on the outer edge.
Annuals or biennials. Leaves finely toothed.
Leaves obovate, very obtuse. Capsules smooth . . . . . 2. *Sun S.*
Stem-leaves oblong, usually pointed. Capsules more or less warted . . . . . 3. *Broad S.*
Perennials. Leaves entire.
Umbel compact. Capsule glabrous, much warted . . . . . 4. *Irish S.*
Umbel loose. Capsule smooth, or rough with small glandular dots, often hairy . . . . . 5. *Hairy S.*
Glands of the involucre crescent-shaped, the two points turned outwards.
Floral leaves of each pair united at the base . . . . . 12. *Wood S.*
Floral leaves all distinct.
Umbel of 3 or 4 rays.
Low, green annuals, seldom above 6 inches high.
Stem-leaves linear . . . . . 7. *Dwarf S.*
Stem-leaves broadly obovate, stalked . . . . . 6. *Petty S.*
Tall, very glaucous biennial, with large capsules . . . . . 8. *Caper S.*
Umbel of 5, rarely 6, rays.
Leaves crowded, thick and leathery. Umbel compact. Seeds smooth . . . . . 10. *Sea S.*
Leaves rather thin. Umbel spreading. Seeds pitted . . . . 9. *Portland S.*
Umbel of 8 or more rays . . . . . 11. *Leafy S.*

The *E. Characias* (Eng. Bot. t. 442), a tall, south European species, with a handsome, oblong, crowded, leafy panicle, variegated by the contrast of the purple glands of the involucre and the green bracts, has been often cultivated in gardens, and where once planted will remain many years, but does not permanently establish itself. One or two tropical shrubby species with scarlet involucres are cultivated in our hothouses, and several south African succulent ones may be met with in cactus-houses.

1. **Purple Spurge. Euphorbia Peplis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2002.)

A glabrous annual, of a glaucous or purple hue; the very short main stem loses all its leaves before flowering, and divides close to the base into an umbel of 3 or 4 rays, so that the whole plant appears to consist of the repeatedly forked flowering branches, closely prostrate on the sand, and forming patches of 6 inches to a foot or more in diameter. Floral leaves opposite, numerous, very oblique, broadly oblong, very obtuse and rather thick, with minute stipules at their base. Flower-heads very small. Glands of the involucre expanding into small, whitish or purple scales. Capsule glabrous and smooth. Seeds not pitted.

In maritime sands, all round the Mediterranean, and up the western coasts of Europe to the English Channel. In Britain, only on the southern and south-western coasts of England, where it is now becoming scarce. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

2. **Sun Spurge. Euphorbia Helioscopia,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 883.)

An erect or ascending annual, 6 or 8 inches to a foot high, simple or with a few branches ascending from the base. Stem-leaves obovate or broadly oblong, and narrowed into a short stalk; floral leaves broadly obovate or orbicular, all very obtuse and minutely toothed. Umbel of 5 rays, each ray once or twice forked at the end, but the branches so short that the flowers and floral leaves appear crowded into broad, leafy heads. Glands of the involucre entire and rounded. Capsules glabrous and smooth. Seeds pitted.

In cultivated and waste places, in Europe and western Asia, extending further north than most species, yet not an Arctic plant. Common in Britain. *Fl. the whole season.*

3. **Broad Spurge. Euphorbia platyphyllos,** Linn.

(*E. stricta*, Eng. Bot. t. 333, *a starved specimen.*)

An erect annual or biennial, sometimes slender and only 6 inches high, but usually 1 to 2 feet, glabrous or very slightly downy. Stem-leaves oblong or almost lanceolate, mostly pointed, and very finely toothed; floral leaves broadly cordate or orbicular, often with a yellowish tint. Umbel of about 5 (rarely 4 or 3) rays, besides several flowering branches from the axils of the upper stem-leaves: these rays are slender, usually divided into 3, 4, or even 5 secondary, simple or forked rays. Glands of the involucres entire and rounded. Capsule smaller than in most species, more or less warted, glabrous or hairy. Seeds not pitted.

In cultivated and waste places, in central and southern Europe and western Asia, but not extending into Scandinavia. In Britain, only in southern England, and here and there as a weed of cultivation further north. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

4. **Irish Spurge. Euphorbia hibernica,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1337.)

A perennial, with several ascending or nearly erect stems, 1 to 1½ feet high, either glabrous or the stems and under side of the leaves more or less softly hairy. Leaves broadly oblong, entire, often 2 inches long or more. Umbel compact, of 5 rays, once or twice shortly forked, and but little longer than the leaves immediately under it. Floral leaves large and ovate, often yellowish. Glands of the involucre entire and rounded. Capsule rather large, strongly warted, but not hairy. Seeds not pitted.

In woods and mountain pastures, in western Europe, and chiefly in the Pyrenees, in western and central France, and in Ireland. In England, only in a few localities in Devonshire, and not known in Scotland. *Fl. early summer.*

5. **Hairy Spurge. Euphorbia pilosa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2787, and *E. coralloides*, Suppl. t. 2837. *E. palustris*, Brit. Fl.)

A perennial, somewhat resembling the *Irish S.*, but more erect, either softly hairy, especially on the under side of the leaves, or nearly glabrous in a Continental variety. Stem-leaves oblong, like those of the *Irish S.*, but those under the umbel shorter. Umbels usually of 5 rays, with a few axillary branches below it; the rays much longer, and more branched than in the *Irish S.* Capsules rather smaller, though much larger than in the *broad S.*, not really warted, but usually covered with small, raised, glandular dots, glabrous or hairy. Seeds not pitted.

In moist woods and thickets, on shady banks, in central and southern and especially eastern Europe, and western Asia, but not approaching nearer to Britain than the Loire. It has, however, long been known apparently wild in the neighbourhood of Bath, and has been introduced into Sussex. *Fl. early summer.*

6. **Petty Spurge. Euphorbia Peplus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 959.)

An erect or decumbent, glabrous annual, 6 inches to a foot high, branch-

ing from the base. Stem-leaves obovate, entire, shortly stalked. Umbel of 2 or 3 repeatedly forked rays, often occupying the greater part of the plant. Floral leaves broadly ovate or cordate. Flower-heads small. Glands of the involucre crescent-shaped, with long points. Capsule glabrous and smooth, with a longitudinal rib or narrow wing to each carpel. Seeds pitted.

In cultivated and waste places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in England, Ireland, and a great part of Scotland. *Fl. the whole summer and autumn.*

7. **Dwarf Spurge. Euphorbia exigua,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1336.)

A slender, glabrous annual, with several erect or ascending stems, from 1 or 2 to 6 or 8 inches high. Stem-leaves numerous, small and narrow. Umbels of 3 or 4, rarely 5 rays, sometimes contracted into terminal heads, more frequently elongated and forked. Floral leaves usually lanceolate. Glands of the involucre crescent-shaped, with fine points. Capsules small, smooth or slightly warted at the angles. Seeds slightly wrinkled.

In cultivated and waste places, in central and southern Europe and western Asia, extending northwards to southern Sweden. Abundant in most parts of England and Ireland, but only in southern Scotland. *Fl. the whole season.*

8. **Caper Spurge. Euphorbia Lathyris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2255.)

A tall, stout annual or biennial, often 3 feet high or even more, very smooth and glaucous. Stem-leaves narrow-oblong, the upper ones broader, especially at the base, often 3 or 4 inches long, and all opposite, not alternate as in other *Spurges*. Umbels of 3 or 4 long rays, once or twice forked, with large ovate-lanceolate floral leaves. Glands of the involucre crescent-shaped, the points short and blunt. Capsules large and smooth. Seeds wrinkled.

A native of southern Europe and west central Asia, long since cultivated in cottage gardens, and often establishes itself as a weed in their vicinity. *Fl. summer.*

9. **Portland Spurge. Euphorbia segetalis,** Linn.

(*E. Portlandica*, Eng. Bot. t. 441.)

An inland southern variety is annual or biennial, the British maritime form lasts probably several years, becomes hard at the base, with several decumbent or ascending stems, a few inches to near a foot high. Stem-leaves narrow, of a pale green or glaucous, but not thick and leathery as in the *sea S.* Umbel of 5 repeatedly forked rays, the floral leaves all very broadly cordate. Glands of the involucre crescent-shaped, with fine points. Capsule smooth or with small raised dots on the angles. Seeds pitted.

In sandy or stony, waste or cultivated places, especially near the sea. Very common in the Mediterranean region, the strictly maritime perennial variety extending also up the western coasts of Europe to the Channel. In Britain, along the southern and western coasts of England up to Galloway in Scotland, and also in Ireland. *Fl. summer and autumn.* The northern specimens are usually shorter and more compact, with shorter and more obtuse stem-leaves than the southern ones, but a very gradual passage may be traced from the one to the other.

10. **Sea Spurge. Euphorbia Paralias,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 195.)

A perennial, with a short, hard, almost woody stock; the stems ascending or erect, 6 inches to near a foot high, crowded with short, concave, rather thick and leathery leaves, of a very pale green. Umbel compact, of 5 rays, and often a few axillary flowering branches below it. Lower leaves narrow, but passing gradually into the broad, ovate-cordate floral leaves. Glands of the involucre crescent-shaped, with short points. Capsules smooth. Seeds not pitted.

In maritime sands, round the Mediterranean and up the western coasts of Europe to Holland. In Britain, along the southern coasts, up to Dublin in Ireland, and to Cumberland and Suffolk in England. *Fl. autumn.*

11. **Leafy Spurge. Euphorbia Esula,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1399.)

A glabrous perennial, readily distinguished from all the preceding species by the terminal umbel of 8 to 12 or more rays. Stems 1 to 1½ feet high, the leaves varying from oblong-lanceolate to linear, of a glaucous green. Floral leaves broadly cordate or orbicular, often yellow. Glands of the involucre crescent-shaped, and rather pointed. Capsules minutely granulated, but not warted. Seeds not pitted.

On river-banks and hilly wastes, in central and especially southern Europe, and western Asia, extending, however, northwards into southern Scandinavia. Probably not indigenous in Britain, but is said to have established itself on the banks of the Tweed, and in a few localities in southern Scotland. *Fl. summer.* Starved, narrow-leaved states of this plant have been taken for *E. Cyparissias*, a more southern Continental species.

12. **Wood Spurge. Euphorbia amygdaloides,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 256.)

Stock perennial and almost woody, with several erect, often reddish stems, 1 to 2 feet high, glabrous or slightly hairy. Stem-leaves rather crowded towards the middle of the stem, lanceolate or narrow-oblong; the upper ones more distant, and shorter. Umbel of 5 long rays, not much divided, with a few axillary peduncles below it. Floral leaves of each pair always connected into one large orbicular one, of a pale yellowish-green. Glands of the involucre crescent-shaped, with rather long points. Capsules and seeds smooth.

In woods and thickets, in temperate and southern Europe and western Asia, but not extending into Scandinavia. In Britain, common over the greater part of England and southern Ireland, rare in northern England, and unknown in Scotland. *Fl. spring.*

II. MERCURY. MERCURIALIS.

Erect herbs, with opposite leaves, and small green flowers in little clusters, either sessile, stalked, or spiked in the axils of the leaves, the males and females distinct, on the same or on separate plants. Perianth of 3 segments. Male flowers with 9 to 12 stamens. Females with a sessile 2-celled ovary, crowned by 2 simple styles, and surrounded by 2 or 3 small filaments. Capsule 2-celled, otherwise like that of *Spurge.*

A small genus, spread over the temperate regions of the southern as well

as the northern hemisphere, and nearly connected with several more tropical genera of weed-like, uninteresting plants.

Rootstock perennial. Stems simple. Flowers all in loose spikes . . 1. *Perennial M.*
Root annual. Stem branched. Female flowers sessile or shortly stalked . . . . . 2. *Annual M.*

1. **Perennial Mercury. Mercurialis perennis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1872. *Dog's Mercury.*)

Rootstock slender and creeping. Stems erect, simple, 6 or 8 inches, or rarely nearly a foot high. Leaves rather crowded in the upper half, oblong or ovate-lanceolate, 2 to 4 or 5 inches long, usually pointed, serrated, and rough or shortly hairy. Flowers dicœious, on slender axillary peduncles, often nearly as long as the leaves; the males in little clusters, the females singly or 2 together. Ovaries larger than the perianth, with rather long, spreading styles. Capsules more or less covered with warts or soft prickles.

In woods and shady places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in England, Ireland, and a great part of Scotland. *Fl. early spring, commencing before its leaves are fully out.*

2. **Annual Mercury. Mercurialis annua,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 559.)

An erect, glabrous annual, 6 inches to a foot high, with opposite branches. Leaves stalked, ovate or oblong, rather coarsely toothed, of a thin texture. Male flowers clustered, as in the *perennial M.*, along slender peduncles nearly as long as the leaves. Females 2 or 3 together, either sessile or shortly stalked, in the axils of the leaves, usually on separate plants from the males.

In cultivated and waste places; very common in central and southern Europe and eastward to the Caucasus, more rare towards the north, and only as an introduced weed of cultivation in Scandinavia. Not generally common in England or Ireland, very local and doubtfully indigenous in Scotland. *Fl. the whole summer and autumn.* A variety with more sessile leaves and flowers, the latter often monœcious, has been described as a species, under the name of *M. ambigua* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2816). It is not common, even on the Continent, but has been found in Jersey and in the south of England.

III. **BOX.** BUXUS.

Flowers monœcious, the males and females clustered in the same axil, but not enclosed in a common involucre. Perianth small, of 4 segments. Stamens 4 in the male flowers. Styles 3 in the females. Capsule 3-celled, with 2 seeds in each cell.

A genus probably limited to a single species.

1. **Common Box. Buxus sempervirens,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1341.)

A glabrous, much branched, evergreen shrub, attaining 6 or 8 feet in height when left uncut. Leaves opposite, entire, thick and shining, varying from ovate to oblong, ½ to 1 inch long. Flowers small, green, and sessile, usually several males and one or two females in the same axillary cluster, the former with one small bract under the perianth, the female with 3 bracts.

Capsule sessile, ovoid, of a hard consistence, about 3 or 4 lines long, ending in 3 stiff, short beaks.

In hilly, rocky, chiefly limestone districts, in western and southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus and northward into many parts of central and western France. In Britain, only in some localities in southern England, and even there it is doubted whether it may not have been introduced, as it has long been much planted in shrubberies. *Fl. spring.* The *Box* used for edging in gardens is a dwarf variety of the same species.

LXVIII. THE EMPETRUM FAMILY. EMPETRACEÆ.

A family or genus of six or seven European or North American species, whose affinities have not been satisfactorily made out. The structure and position of the seeds prevent its union with the *Spurge* family, to which it might in other respects be technically referred.

I. CROWBERRY. EMPETRUM.

Low, creeping, heath-like shrubs, with small, crowded, entire, evergreen leaves, and minute, axillary, dicecious flowers. Perianth of 6 scales in 2 rows, with 6 external, similar, but smaller bracts. Stamens 3 in the male flowers. Style in the females very short, divided into 6 or more radiating and toothed or divided stigmas. Ovary with as many cells as stigmas, and a single erect ovule in each. Fruit a small berry-like drupe, containing several small 1-seeded stones. Embryo slender, in a copious albumen.

1. Common Crowberry. Empetrum nigrum, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 526.)

A glabrous plant, forming spreading, thickly branched tufts, like those of the *trailing Loiseleuria*, often a foot in diameter; the crowded evergreen leaves scarcely 2 lines long, with their edges rolled back as in the *Heaths*. Flowers sessile, very minute, the stamens of the males protruding from the perianth on slender filaments. Fruit black, globular, about the size of a pea.

In mountain heaths and bogs, in Europe, Asia, and North America, very abundant at high northern and Arctic latitudes, and quite alpine in southern Europe and central Asia. Common in Scotland, in northern and western England, and in Ireland, but now probably extinct in southern England. *Fl. spring.*

LXIX. CALLITRICHE FAMILY. CALLITRICHINEÆ.

Aquatic, floating herbs, with opposite or whorled leaves, and minute unisexual flowers in their axils. No perianth. Ovary and fruit either 1-seeded or 4-lobed, with 1 seed in each lobe.

Two genera, each of a single species, always placed next each other, though not usually united into one family. Allied in many respects to the aquatic genera of the *Œnothera* family, they are sometimes placed next to them; but

there is no perianth, and they are therefore more frequently enumerated amongst anomalous *Monochlamyds*.

I. CERATOPHYLL. CERATOPHYLLUM.

Leaves whorled and dissected. Stamens several. Style 1. Ovary and fruit entire, with a single seed.

1. Common Ceratophyll. Ceratophyllum demersum, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 947, and *C. submersum*, t. 679. *Hornwort.*)

A glabrous perennial, the stems floating like those of a *Myriophyll*, and the leaves are whorled in the same manner, but instead of being pinnately divided they are twice or thrice forked, with linear, often fine and subulate segments, usually slightly toothed on the edge. Flowers small, and sessile in the axils of the leaves, each one surrounded by a whorl of minute bracts, but without any real perianth; the males consisting of 12 to 20, sessile, oblong anthers, the females of a small ovary with a simple style. Fruit an ovoid, slightly compressed nut, 2 to 3 lines long, either smooth or with a few tubercles or prickles, either scattered over the surface or united in a slightly prominent wing round the edge.

In pools, slow streams, and shallow margins of lakes, dispersed almost all over the globe. Not uncommon in Britain. *Fl. summer, but very seldom.*

II. CALLITRICHE. CALLITRICHE.

Leaves opposite, entire. Stamens solitary. Styles 2. Ovary and fruit 4-lobed and 4-seeded.

1. Common Callitriche. Callitriche aquatica, Sm.

(Eng. Bot. t. 722, and *C. autumnalis*, Suppl. t. 2606 and t. 2732. *C. pedunculata*, Brit. Fl. *C. platycarpa*, Bab. Man.)

A glabrous, slender perennial, either floating in water or creeping and rooting in wet mud, flowering young so as to appear annual, varying in length according to the depth of the water. Leaves either all obovate or oblong, 1 to 6 lines long, or the lower submerged ones narrow-linear, and obtuse or notched at the top; the upper ones obovate, and spreading in little tufts on the surface of the water, or all submerged and linear. Flowers minute, usually solitary in each axil, between 2 minute bracts varying much in size and sometimes wholly wanting. Male flowers consisting of a single stamen with a conspicuous filament; the females of a sessile or stalked ovary, with 2 erect or recurved styles. Fruit from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 line in diameter, the lobes either rounded or keeled on the edge, or surrounded by a narrow wing.

In shallow waters or wet mud, dispersed almost all over the globe. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. the whole season.* It has been variously divided into from 2 to about 20 supposed species, from slight differences in the size and form of the fruits, the direction of the styles, in the bracts, etc., or from the presence or absence of the upper obovate leaves; but the distinctive characters which have been given, all fail when applied to a large number of specimens collected in different parts of the world.

LXX. THE NETTLE FAMILY. URTICACEÆ.

Herbs, or, in exotic genera, trees or shrubs, with leaves usually rough or stinging, more or less conspicuous stipules, and small, herbaceous, unisexual flowers. Perianth in the males regular and simple. Stamens as many as segments of the perianth and opposite to them, or rarely fewer. Perianth of the females often less divided. Ovary free or rarely adherent to the perianth, with a single ovule, and 1 or 2 styles or stigmas. Fruit small, 1-seeded, dry or rarely succulent. Seed with or without albumen, the radicle pointing upwards.

A very large Order, chiefly tropical, of which the few British species give a very inadequate idea. It is readily distinguished from the *Spurge* family by the single-seeded fruit, from the *Catkin* family by the regular perianth of the male flowers.

Erect herbs. Leaves opposite . . . . . 1. NETTLE.
Erect or procumbent herb. Leaves alternate . . . . . 2. PELLITORY.
Tall twiner. Leaves opposite . . . . . 3. HOP.

Among exotic genera in cultivation may be mentioned the *Hemp* (*Cannabis*), which, although an erect herb, is in many respects allied to the *Hop;* the *Fig* (*Ficus*), in which the flowers are collected in great numbers within-side a succulent receptacle, popularly called the fruit; and the *Mulberry* (*Morus*), in which the flowers are collected in heads on the outside of a receptacle, and become succulent as the fruit ripens.

I. NETTLE. URTICA.

Erect herbs, with stinging hairs and opposite leaves. Flowers in axillary clusters or spikes; the males with a perianth of 4 segments and 4 stamens; the females with a perianth of 2 segments, or, if 4, the 2 inner ones larger. Fruit a flattened seed-like nut, enclosed in the perianth. Stigma single, sessile, and tufted.

A considerable genus, generally distributed over the globe.

Annual and monœcious. Flowers in nearly sessile short clusters . . . 1. *Small N.*
Annual and monœcious. Male flowers in loose spikes. Females in stalked, globular heads . . . . . 2. *Roman N.*
Perennial, usually dicœcious. Flowers in branched spikes . . . . . 3. *Common N.*

1. Small Nettle. Urtica urens, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1236.)

An erect, branching annual, seldom above a foot high and often only a few inches, glabrous with the exception of the stiff, stinging hairs. Leaves ovate or elliptical, deeply and regularly toothed, more tender than in the two other species. Flowers male and female intermixed, in small, loose, almost sessile axillary clusters.

In cultivated and waste places, especially in rich soils, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions, and carried out as a weed of cultivation to other parts of the world. Common in Britain. *Fl. the whole season.*

2. **Roman Nettle. Urtica pilulifera,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 148.)

An annual like the last, but coarser and taller, attaining 2 feet, and very stinging. Leaves ovate or heart-shaped, deeply and regularly toothed. Male flowers in little, distinct clusters, along peduncles often as long as the leaves; the females in globular heads, on the summit of a peduncle from ½ to 1 inch long. When in fruit these heads are 4 or 5 lines in diameter, and thickly beset with stinging bristles.

On roadsides, and in waste places, in southern Europe. Further north only as an introduced weed in the neighbourhood of villages and habitations, and as such occurs occasionally in some parts of England. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

3. **Common Nettle. Urtica dioica,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1750.)

Rootstock perennial and creeping. Stems erect, 2 or 3 feet high, the whole plant of a dark green, and more or less downy, besides the copious stinging bristles. Lower leaves cordate-ovate, the upper ones more or less lanceolate, narrowed at the point, coarsely toothed. Flowers usually dioecious, both the males and females clustered in axillary, branched, spreading spikes, usually about the length of the leaves.

Along hedges, on roadsides, and in waste places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions, and carried out as a weed to other parts of the globe. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

II. **PELLITORY.** PARIETARIA.

Herbs, with alternate, often entire leaves, and not stinging. Flowers in small axillary clusters, surrounded by a few bracts, often united into a small involucre. Male flowers like those of *Nettle*, but usually very few. Females with a tubular or campanulate, 4-lobed perianth, enclosing the ovary and adhering to the seed-like fruit. Stigma single, tufted, sessile or with a distinct style. Besides these there are a few hermaphrodite flowers, which become enlarged after flowering, but seldom ripen their seed.

A genus of several species, chiefly from the Mediterranean region and central Asia, with one American one widely spread over a great part of the world.

1. **Wall Pellitory. Parietaria officinalis,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 879.)

A small, branching perennial, erect the first year, afterwards usually diffuse or procumbent, 6 inches or rarely a foot long, more or less downy with short soft hairs. Leaves stalked, varying from ovate to oblong, quite entire. Flowers in sessile clusters, the involucre very small, consisting of 2 or 3 divided bracts.

On old walls, and in waste, stony places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Common in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland, but rare in the north. *Fl. the whole summer.*

III. **HOP.** HUMULUS.

A single species, differing from all others of the *Nettle* family by its twining habit, by the inflorescence, and by the seed, which contains a flat, spirally coiled embryo, without albumen.

1. **Common Hop. Humulus Lupulus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 427.)

Rootstock perennial, the stems annual, but twining to a considerable height over bushes and small trees. Leaves opposite, stalked, broadly heart-shaped, deeply 3- or 5-lobed, and sharply toothed, very rough but not stinging. Flowers dicœious, the males in loose panicles in the upper axils, small, and of a yellowish green. Perianth of 5 segments. Stamens 5. Female flowers in shortly stalked, axillary, ovoid or globular spikes or heads, conspicuous for their broad, closely-packed bracts, each with 2 sessile flowers in its axil. Perianth a concave scale enclosing the ovary. Stigmas 2, long and linear. After flowering the scales of the spike (often called a *cone*) become much enlarged, quite concealing the seed-like fruits.

In hedges, thickets, and open woods, all over Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Extends over England, Ireland, and here and there into Scotland, but probably, in the north at least, only as an introduced plant, having long been in general cultivation. *Fl. summer.*

LXXI. **THE ELM FAMILY.** ULMACEÆ.

Trees or shrubs, differing from the *Nettle* family in their flowers mostly hermaphrodite, and the ovary generally 2-celled, although the fruit has but one seed.

Besides the *Elm* genus there are but very few, either tropical or from the warmer parts of the northern hemisphere.

I. **ELM.** ULMUS.

Trees, with alternate, deciduous leaves, and small flowers in clusters, appearing before the leaves on the preceding year's wood. Perianth campanulate, with 4 to 6 short lobes or teeth, and as many stamens. Ovary flat, with 2 short, diverging styles, and divided into 2 cells, each with a single pendulous ovule. Fruit flat, thin, and leaf-like, slightly thickened in the centre, where it contains one pendulous seed.

A small genus, spread over the temperate regions of the northern hemisphere.

Fruit slightly notched at the top, the seed-bearing cavity placed considerably below the notch . . . . . 1. *Wych E.*
Fruit deeply notched, the notch almost reaching the seed-bearing cavity 2. *Common E.*

1. **Wych Elm. Ulmus montana,** Sm.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1887, and *U. major*, t. 2542.)

A tree of considerable size and picturesque form; the large branches spreading from near the base unless when drawn up in its youth. Leaves nearly sessile, broadly ovate, bordered with double teeth, and very unequal

or oblique at the base, usually rough on the upper side and downy underneath. Flowers reddish, in dense clusters, surrounded by brownish bracts, which soon fall off; the pedicels scarcely as long as the perianth. Fruits green and leaf-like, broadly ovate or orbicular, 6 to 9 lines long, with a small notch at the top; the seed suspended in a small cavity near the centre of the fruit.

Chiefly in hilly districts, in northern and western Europe. In Britain, it is the common wild *Elm* of Scotland, Ireland, and northern and western England, but seldom planted, and rare in south-eastern England, where a variety of the *common E.* is often called *wych Elm*. *Fl. early spring, before the leaves come out.*

2. **Common Elm. Ulmus campestris,** Sm.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1886, *U. suberosa*, t. 2161, and *U. glabra*, t. 2248.)

Very near the *wych E.*, and many botanists consider the two races as forming but one species. The *common E.* appears however to be generally, if not constantly, distinguished by the fruit, which is deeply notched, the top of the seed-bearing cavity almost reaching the notch. It is usually also a taller and straighter-growing tree, attaining in rich soils above a hundred feet; the young branches are more slender, and the leaves usually smaller and less coarse; but all these characters are very variable.

Widely spread over central, southern, and eastern Europe, and western Asia, and the most generally planted species. In Britain, it is the most frequent one in central, southern, and eastern England, but in the north and the west only where planted. It is indeed doubtful whether it be really indigenous anywhere in Britain. *Fl. early spring, before the leaves come out.* It varies with the leaves nearly smooth and glabrous, and the bark becomes corky, even on the young branches, more frequently than in the *wych E.*; but the supposed species established on these characters do not come true from seed.

LXXII. THE CATKIN FAMILY. AMENTACEÆ.

Trees or shrubs, with alternate flat leaves, usually with stipules, and small, unisexual flowers, in cylindrical, oblong, or globular spikes, called *catkins*, which are usually dense with closely packed, scale-like bracts, rarely loose, or with minute deciduous scales. Stamens in the male catkins 2 or more (rarely united into 1) under each scale, usually accompanied by 2 or more smaller scales, either distinct or forming in a few cases an irregular or oblique perianth, or rarely entirely deficient. Female catkins either like the males, with 1, 2, or 3 flowers under each scale, or reduced to a sessile bud, with 2 or 3 flowers in the centre, surrounded by the lower empty scales of the catkin; under each scale are also usually 2 or 3 inner scales. Perianth none, or closely combined with the ovary, with a minute, free, entire or toothed border. Ovary 1-celled or several-celled, with 2 or more styles, always result-

ing in a 1-celled fruit, which is either a 1-seeded nut, or a several-seeded capsule opening in 2 valves. The catkin-scales, or the inner scales, or both, usually persist, and are sometimes enlarged into an involucre, either around or under the fruit. Seeds without albumen, at least in the British genera.

An extensive family, widely distributed over the globe, but chiefly in the temperate regions of both hemispheres, where it often constitutes a large proportion of the forest-trees. Minor differences, chiefly in the female flowers, have induced its division into several tribes, often considered as independent families, but as a whole it forms a natural as well as a distinct group. Among the few British plants that have their inflorescence at all resembling catkins, *Hippophae* is readily distinguished by the berry-like fruits and scurfy foliage, *Elms* by their hermaphrodite flowers, and *Conifers* by their peculiar foliage independently of the important character of the naked seeds.

Tree or shrub, in flower.

Scales of the male catkins broad, imbricated. Anthers longer than their filaments.
- Male and female catkins short, sessile, and erect . . . . . 1. GALE.

Male catkins cylindrical, usually pendulous.
- Three distinct flowers, each with 4 stamens, under each scale of the male catkins. Female catkins small, ovoid . . . . . 2. ALDER.
- Stamens 6 to 12 under each scale, not in distinct flowers.
  - Scales of the male catkins stalked. Female catkins cylindrical . 3. BIRCH.
  - Scales of the catkins sessile.
    - Stamens at the base of the scale. Female catkins loose, with narrow scales . . . . . 4. HORNBEAM.
    - Stamens on the scale itself. Female catkins sessile and bud-like . . . . . 5. HAZEL.

Scales of the male catkins narrow-linear, or divided, or very minute. Anthers small, on slender filaments.

Flowers dicecious. Catkins, both male and female, cylindrical, compact, and usually silky-hairy.
- Catkin-scales entire. Stamens 2, rarely 3 to 5, with 1 or 2 gland-like inner scales . . . . . 8. WILLOW.
- Catkin-scales jagged. Stamens several, in an oblique, cup-shaped perianth . . . . . 9. POPLAR.

Flowers monœcious.
- Male catkins slender and interrupted. Female flowers in small, sessile or shortly-stalked clusters . . . . . 7. OAK.
- Male catkins globular, on pendulous stalks. Females erect, globular, softly hairy . . . . . 6. BEECH.

Tree or shrub, in fruit.

Capsules (in catkins) opening in 2 valves. Seeds minute, with a tuft of long, cottony hairs.
- Scales of the catkin entire. Leaves on short or rather stiff stalks . 8. WILLOW.
- Scales of the catkin jagged. Leaves on long stalks, very broad, shaking with wind . . . . . 9. POPLAR.

Nuts 1-seeded.

Nuts small, in compact catkins.
- Nuts slightly succulent, and resinous outside . . . . . 1. GALE.
- Nuts flat and quite dry.
  - Scales of the catkins thin and deciduous. Nuts winged . . . 3. BIRCH.
  - Scales of the catkins hard, remaining after the nuts have fallen 2. ALDER.

Nuts solitary, or in clusters, or in loose spikes, wholly or partially enclosed in an involucre.
- Nut small, in loose spikes, each in a 3-lobed, leafy involucre . . 4. HORNBEAM.
- Nuts solitary or clustered, each in an involucre adhering to it at the base, with leafy, jagged lobes . . . . . 5. HAZEL.
- Nuts (acorns) projecting from a short, cup-shaped involucre . . 7. OAK.
- Nuts completely enclosed in a prickly involucre . . . . . 6. BEECH.

Among trees generally planted in Britain, belonging to exotic genera of the *Catkin* family, or nearly allied to it, are the *Spanish Chestnut* (*Castanea*), with the flowers nearly of an *Oak*, but the nuts completely enclosed in a prickly involucre, as in *Beech*; two or three species of *Plane* (*Platanus*), with both male and female catkins globular and pendulous, the flowers intermixed with bristly hairs, and differing slightly from the family in their albuminous seeds; the *Liquidambar*, with globular catkins, but in the structure of its ovary and fruit showing more affinity to some families allied to the *Saxifrages*; and two or three species of *Walnut* (*Juglans*), which in their pinnated leaves and more perfect perianth show an approach to the *Sumach* family (*Terebinthaceæ*).

I. **GALE.** MYRICA.

Shrubs, with resinous, dotted leaves. Flowers dicœcious, in short, sessile catkins; the scales imbricated, without inner scales. Male catkins with 4 or 8 stamens under each scale, the anthers nearly sessile, and no perianth. Females with 2 ovaries under each scale; perianth adhering to the base of the ovary, with 2 lateral, projecting lobes. Stigmas 2, linear. Fruit a small, resinous or nearly drupe-like, globular nut, with 1 erect seed.

A genus of several species, dispersed over the temperate regions of the globe, or the mountainous parts of the tropics. Associated with two or three small North American or South African genera, it forms a distinct tribe, approaching *Hippophae* in the 2-lobed female perianth and almost drupe-like nut.

1. **Sweet Gale. Myrica Gale,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 562.)

An erect shrub, of 2 or 3 feet, fragrant when rubbed. Leaves deciduous, cuneate-oblong or lanceolate, slightly toothed towards the top, and often rather downy underneath. Catkins sessile along the ends of the branches; the males scarcely 6 lines long, with spreading, concave, shining scales; the females much shorter, the long styles protruding from the scales. Fruiting catkins somewhat lengthened; the globular, resinous nuts scarcely above a line in diameter.

In bogs and wet moors in northern and Arctic Europe, Asia, and America. Abundant in Scotland, northern England, and Ireland, rarer in the south and east of England. *Fl. spring, before the leaves are out.*

II. **ALDER.** ALNUS.

Flowers monœcious, the males in cylindrical catkins, usually pendulous, with broad, almost sessile scales. Stamens 12 under each scale, the anthers on very short filaments, with a small scale under each, usually forming 3 distinct, nearly regular, 4-cleft periauths. Female catkins short, closely imbricated; the scales entire, with 2, rarely 3, smaller inner scales. Ovaries 2 under each scale, 2-celled, with a pendulous ovule in each cell. Styles 2. Fruiting catkin ovoid, the scales (formed of the catkin-scale, with the 2 inner ones combined) hard, almost woody, remaining after the nuts have fallen. Nuts small and seed-like, without wings.

A small genus, confined to the northern hemisphere, closely connected with the *Birches* through some intermediate exotic species.

1. **Common Alder.** **Alnus glutinosus,** Linn.

(*Betula Alnus,* Eng. Bot. t. 1508.)

A moderate-sized tree, of a dark hue. Leaves stalked, broadly ovate or orbicular, sharply toothed, and occasionally lobed, glabrous, or with a little down in the axils of the veins on the under side. Catkins 2 or 3 together, in terminal clusters or small panicles; the males long, loose, and drooping; the females not half an inch long, with the styles slightly protruding. In the fruiting catkin the scales are not unlike those of a miniature fir-cone.

In wet woods, and borders of streams, and wet pastures, in Europe and western Asia, not extending to the Arctic Circle. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. early spring, before the leaves are fully out, the catkins having been formed the previous autumn.*

III. **BIRCH.** BETULA.

Flowers monœcious, the males in cylindrical catkins, usually pendulous, with broad, shortly stalked scales. Stamens 8 to 12 under each scale, the anthers on very short filaments, the cells distinct, some with a small scale underneath, and all irregularly arranged in 3 flowers. Female catkins cylindrical and compact, each with 2 small scales inside, and 3, rarely more flowers. No perianth. Ovary flat, with 2 styles and 2 cells, with a pendulous ovule in each. In the fruiting catkin the scales (formed of the catkin-scale, with the 2 inner ones combined) are somewhat enlarged, and 3-lobed, falling off with the nuts, which are small and seed-like, flat, surrounded by a scarious wing.

A small genus, confined to the northern hemisphere, and not reaching the tropics.

Tree, with broadly ovate, usually pointed leaves . . . . . 1. *Common B.*
Shrub, with small, orbicular leaves . . . . . 2. *Dwarf B.*

1. **Common Birch.** **Betula alba,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2197. *B. glutinosa*, Bab. Man.)

An elegant tree, with slender, often gracefully drooping branches, the white bark of the trunk readily peeling off in layers. Leaves usually broadly ovate, taper-pointed, and toothed, but varying from rhomboidal to triangular or broadly cordate, often trembling on their slender stalks like those of the *Aspen*, glabrous and shining, with minute glandular dots when young. Male catkins drooping, 1 to 2 inches long; the females shortly stalked, about 6 lines long when in flower. Fruiting catkins 1 to 1½ inches, the scales wedge-shaped, full 2 lines long, broadly 3-lobed.

In woods, in northern and central Europe, Russian Asia, and North America, more limited to mountain districts in southern Europe. Extends all over Britain. *Fl. spring, before the leaves are fully out.*

2. **Dwarf Birch.** **Betula nana,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2326.)

Usually a small shrub, but when left to itself will form a tree of 20 feet. Leaves very shortly stalked, nearly orbicular, seldom above half an inch long, and not pointed. Catkins small and sessile, the males oblong or shortly cylindrical, the females scarcely above 3 lines long. Fruiting catkins about 6 lines long, the scales not so thin, nor falling off so readily as in the *common B.*

In moors and bogs, in northern Europe, Asia, and America, and in the great mountain-chains of central Europe and Asia. Not uncommon in the Highlands of Scotland, but rare in the north of England, and unknown in Ireland. *Fl. spring.*

IV. **HORNBEAM.** CARPINUS.

Flowers monœcious, the males in cylindrical catkins, with broad, sessile scales. Stamens about 12 under each scale, without inner scales or perianth; the anther-cells distinct, on very short, forked filaments. Female catkins slender and loose, the scales lanceolate and deciduous. Flowers 2 under each scale, each one enclosed in a hairy, unequally 3-lobed inner scale. Perianth combined with the ovary at the base, with a minute toothed border. Ovary 2-celled, with a pendulous ovule in each cell. Styles 2. Fruiting catkin much elongated, the inner scales enlarged into long, leafy, unequally 3-lobed bracts, each enclosing at its base a small nut.

There are but very few European, Asiatic, or North American species, differing slightly from each other in the shape of the fruiting bracts.

1. **Common Hornbeam. Carpinus Betulus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2032.)

A small tree, with numerous short, slender branches. Leaves stalked, ovate, pointed, doubly toothed, with parallel veins diverging from the midrib, usually downy in their axils underneath. Male catkins sessile, about 1½ inches long, less drooping than in the allied genera; the anthers crowned by little tufts of hairs. Female catkins slender, the fruiting ones often several inches long, and conspicuous for their long, leaf-like bracts; the central lobe lanceolate, 1 to 1½ inches long. Nut small, ovoid, with prominent ribs.

In central and south-eastern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus and northwards to southern Sweden. In Britain, it was formerly much planted in shrubberies, and is believed to be truly indigenous in some parts of eastern England. *Fl. spring, as the leaves come out.*

V. **HAZEL.** CORYLUS.

Flowers monœcious, the males in cylindrical catkins, with broad, sessile scales, each with 2 small lobes or adherent scales inside. Stamens about 8, irregularly inserted on the scale itself, without any perianth; the anther-cells distinct, on very short, forked filaments. Female catkins very small, forming a sessile bud, with closely packed, narrow scales, the outer ones empty. Flowers 2 under each cell, crowded in the upper part of the catkin, each one enclosed in a minute, jagged inner scale. Perianth combined with the ovary at the base, with a minute, toothed border. Ovary 2-celled, with a pendulous ovule in each scale. Styles 2. Fruits usually clustered, each consisting of a hard nut, nearly enclosed in a leafy involucre, unequally lobed and jagged, formed of the very much enlarged inner scales of the catkin.

A genus of but very few species, spread over the temperate regions of the northern hemisphere.

1. **Common Hazel. Corylus Avellana,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 723. *Nut. Hazel-nut. Cob-nut. Filbert.*)

A shrub, or sometimes a small tree. Leaves broadly obovate or orbicular, doubly toothed or slightly lobed, coarse and downy on both sides. Male catkins drooping, 1½ to 2 inches long; the females resembling small leaf-buds, with shortly protruding, red stigmas. After flowering the minute inner bracts enlarge very rapidly, so as to form the leafy involucre commonly called the *husk* of the nut.

In woods and thickets, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. early spring, before the leaves are out.*

VI. **BEECH.** FAGUS.

Flowers monœcious, the males in globular, pendulous catkins; the scales small, and falling off very early. Perianth campanulate, shortly stalked, 4- to 6-lobed (formed of the inner scales under each catkin-scale), containing 8 to 12 stamens, with long protruding filaments and small anthers. Female catkins globular, almost sessile, the scales linear, with numerous, closely packed, filiform inner scales, all empty except the uppermost, and forming an involucre round 2 or 3 flowers, sessile in the centre of the catkin. Perianth combined with the ovary at its base, bordered by 4 or 5 short lobes. Ovary 3-celled, with 2 pendulous ovules in each cell. Styles 3. Nuts 2 or 3, enclosed in a hard, prickly involucre, composed of the combined outer and inner scales of the catkin, and opening in 4 valves.

Besides the single northern genus, the species comprises several from Antarctic America.

1. **Common Beech. Fagus sylvatica,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1846.)

A tall tree, with a straight, smooth trunk, and large, dense head. Leaves shortly stalked, ovate, entire or obscurely toothed, silky when young, glabrous when full-grown. Catkins or flower-heads softly silky-hairy, the males 4 to 6 lines diameter, on slender, drooping peduncles 1 to 1½ inches long, consisting of about a dozen flowers. Female catkins nearly as large, but on a very short, erect peduncle. Fruiting catkin about ¾ inch diameter; the prickles rather soft and silky, containing 2 or 3 triangular nuts, commonly called *mast.*

In temperate Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus and northward into southern Scandinavia, becoming rather a mountain plant in southern Europe. Extensively planted in Britain, establishing itself readily as a naturalized tree, and believed to be truly indigenous in the flatter districts of England. *Fl. spring.*

VII. **OAK.** QUERCUS.

Flowers monœcious, the males in slender, pendulous catkins or spikes, usually interrupted, without any or with only very small catkin-scales. Stamens 6 to 12, with slender filaments, surrounded by about as many narrow scales, sometimes united into an irregular perianth. Female flowers solitary or clustered, each one surrounded by an involucre of small imbri-

cated scales. Perianth adherent to the ovary at its base, with a short, toothed border. Ovary 3-celled, with 2 pendulous ovules in each cell. Style 3-lobed. Nut or *acorn* oblong, ovoid, or globular, protruding from a woody cup or involucre formed by the enlarged scales.

A very numerous genus, extending over nearly the whole of the northern hemisphere, excepting the extreme north, but only penetrating into the tropics along the chain of the Andes or in the Moluccas. Many exotic species have evergreen or entire leaves, or are mere shrubs, but are all readily recognized by the fruit, in which the involucre never so completely encloses the nut as in the *Chestnut* and *Beech*. Among the most frequent in our plantations may be mentioned the *evergreen* or *Ilex O.* (*Q. Ilex*), from southern Europe, the *Turkey* or *moss-cupped O.* (*Q. Cerris*), from south-eastern Europe, the *red O.* (*Q. rubra*), and some others, from North America.

1. **British Oak. Quercus Robur,** Linn.

A stately tree, the longest-lived among the natives of our islands. Leaves deciduous, although in some varieties they will remain through a great part of the winter, usually obovate or oblong, irregularly sinuate or almost pinnatifid; the lobes usually obtuse, glabrous or (rarely in Britain) downy underneath. Cup very much shorter than the acorn, with short, obtuse, closely imbricated, often scarcely distinct scales.

Extends over the whole of Europe, except the extreme north, penetrating along the chain of the Caucasus a considerable way into central Asia, although further north it does not cross the Ural. *Fl. spring, as the leaves are coming out.* It varies considerably in foliage and inflorescence, and throughout its range two remarkable forms appear so definite and usually so permanent that many of the most acute botanists regard them as distinct species. The question of their specific identity has been much discussed, but the arguments adduced on each side are too long to be here entered into, nor are they absolutely conclusive in favour of the view here adopted, which is nevertheless the result of a close investigation, carried on for many years in various parts of Europe. The following are the two British races :—

a. *Pedunculate British O.* (*Q. Robur pedunculata*, Eng. Bot. t. 1342.) Leaves sessile or shortly stalked. Fruits either clustered or spiked, above the middle of a peduncle varying from 1 to 5 or even 6 inches long. The commonest Oak over the greater part of England and the lowlands of Scotland. In the hilly parts of the west and north it is less abundant and less constant in its characters, and sometimes wholly wanting.

b. *Sessile British O.* (*Q. Robur sessiliflora*, Eng. Bot. t. 1845.) Leaves on footstalks varying from ½ to 1 inch long. Fruits solitary or clustered, either closely sessile on the branch or borne on a short peduncle, very rarely attaining an inch. Frequently scattered in woods of the pedunculate variety, and then pretty constant in its characters, rarely constituting the mass of oak-woods in the lower parts of Britain, but in North Wales and the hilly parts of northern England it is the commonest of the two, and very much more variable.

VIII. **WILLOW.** SALIX.

Leaves variable, but not triangular nor rhomboidal. Stipules often very conspicuous, but sometimes small or deficient on other branches of the same plant. Flowers diœcious, in cylindrical, usually silky-hairy catkins, with

small, entire scales. Stamens in the males 2, rarely 3, 5, or even more, or united into one, with slender filaments and small anthers, and a gland-like scale either between the stamens and the axis, or more rarely between the stamens and the catkin-scale, or two scales, one on each side, but no perianth. Female flowers solitary under each scale, with a gland-like inner scale between the ovary and the axis. Ovary conical, sessile or stalked, one-celled, with several ovules inserted on 2 short parietal placentas. Style forked, each lobe entire or shortly 2-lobed. Fruit a conical capsule, opening in 2 valves. Seeds several, minute, with a tuft of long, white, silky hairs.

A vast genus, widely spread over the world, but particularly abundant in the northern hemisphere, from the tropics to the Arctic zone, ascending high upon alpine summits, and in low countries chiefly inhabiting wet or sandy situations. The great variations in the shape of the leaves of many species, and the difficulty of matching the male and female specimens, or the young and old leaves of those species which flower before the leaves are out, have produced a multiplication of supposed species, and a confusion in their distinction, beyond all precedent. The following fifteen are all that appear to be truly distinct among the British ones; at the same time, reliable observations are wanting on the degree of variation of particular characters, especially amongst the mountain species, and it is certain that apparently intermediate forms between very dissimilar species are not unfrequent in herbaria. These are in some cases taken from trees or shrubs much altered by cultivation, in others they may be, as asserted by several recent observers, natural hybrids; in neither case can they be considered as botanical species.

Male catkins sessile. Females sessile or on very short peduncles, with or without leafy bracts.
- Stamen 1 under each scale, entire or forked. Leaves narrow, glabrous or whitish underneath. Anthers usually purple . 5. *Purple W.*
- Stamens 2, distinct. Anthers usually yellow.
  - *Leaves very silky and white, at least underneath.*
    - Stems erect, twiggy. Leaves long, lanceolate or linear . . 6. *Osier W.*
    - Stems creeping underground. Leaves small, ovate, oblong or lanceolate . . . . . 10. *Creeping W.*
  - *Leaves glabrous, downy or cottony.*
    - Leaves wrinkled, usually with a short, crisp or cottony down, especially underneath. Capsules pedicellate.
      - Male catkins very silky, oblong. Capsules 3 to 4 lines long. Leaves ovate or oblong . . . . . 7. *Sallow W.*
      - Male catkins cylindrical, rather silky. Capsules 2 to 3 lines long. Leaves mostly obovate . . . . . 8. *Round-eared W.*
    - Leaves not wrinkled, glabrous or downy when young. Catkins rather slender. Capsules pedicellate . . . . . 9. *Tea-leaved W.*
    - Leaves not wrinkled, downy or woolly, quite entire. Catkins dense and very silky-hairy. Capsules sessile.
      - Catkins silky, white. Capsules about 2 lines long . . . 11. *Downy W.*
      - Catkins golden-yellow. Capsules about 3 lines long . . 12. *Woolly W.*

Male and female catkins on short, leafy shoots.
- *Trees or tall shrubs.*
  - Stamens about 5. Leaves dark-green and shining . . . . 1. *Bay W.*
  - Stamens 3. Leaves green above, white underneath . . . . 4. *Almond W.*
  - Stamens 2.
    - Leaves ashy-grey or silky-white. Capsules nearly sessile . 3. *Common W.*
    - Leaves green or glabrous. Capsules pedicellate . . . 2. *Crack W.*
- *Low, spreading or prostrate, or creeping shrubs.*
  - Catkins at the end of short, leafy shoots, without buds. Stems procumbent, ascending, or forming low bushes.
    - Leaves slightly toothed. Male catkins nearly sessile. Capsules pedicellate . . . . . 9. *Tea-leaved W.*

Leaves finely toothed. All the catkins on leafy stalks. Capsules almost sessile . . . . . 13. *Whortle W.*
Catkins on short peduncles, at the last leaf of a branch, with a bud in the angle. Stems prostrate or creeping.
Leaves entire, wrinkled, white underneath . . . . . 14. *Reticulate W.*
Leaves finely toothed, not wrinkled, green on both sides . 15. *Dwarf W.*

The well-known *weeping W.* (*S. babylonica*, is of Asiatic origin. The *S. daphnoides*, from continental Europe, with the male catkins like those of the *Sallow W.*, but with lanceolate, pointed, green or glaucous leaves, is occasionally planted, and has been seen apparently wild, near Cleveland in Yorkshire; and some other Continental or North American species have been described as British from planted specimens. Most, if not all, of the British species are said to be also natives of North America.

1. **Bay Willow. Salix pentandra,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1805.)

A shrub or small tree, from 6 to 20 feet high, glabrous or rarely slightly silky on the young shoots, the twigs green or yellow. Leaves broadly lanceolate or oblong, pointed, finely toothed, thicker and more smooth and shining than in any other species. Catkins cylindrical and loose, on short, lateral, leafy shoots; the males 1½ to 2 inches long, less hairy than in most species. Stamens usually 5 but sometimes more, and there are almost always 2 or even more entire or divided gland-like scales at their base. Ovaries glabrous, nearly sessile or stalked. Capsules 2 to 3 lines long, of a yellowish green.

In damp, open woods, and along streams, chiefly in hilly districts, extending all over Europe and Russian Asia to the Arctic regions. In Britain, chiefly in northern England, southern Scotland, and Ireland. *Fl. spring, rather late.*

2. **Crack Willow. Salix fragilis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1807, *S. Russeliana*, t. 1808, *S. decipiens*, t. 1937.)

Very near the *common W.*, but usually a more bushy though equally large tree, and the foliage green and glabrous, or very slightly silky when young; the catkins are rather longer and looser, the flowers larger, the capsules more distinctly pedicellate and much more tapering at the top.

Widely distributed, like the *common W.*, over Europe and Russian Asia, and extensively cultivated, with nearly the same geographical limits. In Britain, believed to be indigenous in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. spring.*

3. **Common Willow. Salix alba,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2430. *S. cærulea*, t. 2431.)

A tree of considerable height, the foliage of an ashy-grey or whitish colour; the young twigs green, purplish, or bright yellow. Leaves mostly narrow-lanceolate, pointed and toothed, but not so finely as in the *Bay W.*, and when young silky-white on both sides, or at least underneath, often glabrous when old but never of a bright green. Catkins cylindrical and loose, on short, lateral, leafy shoots. Stamens always 2, usually with 2 glandular scales. Capsule glabrous, sessile or nearly so, shortly tapering at the top.

In moist meadows, and hedgerows, in marshes, along streams, etc., throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, and exten-

sively planted. Common in Britain. *Fl. spring.* The *golden Osier* (*S. vitellina*, Eng. Bot. t. 1389) is a variety of this tree, with bright-yellow branches, cultivated as an Osier.

4. **Almond Willow. Salix amygdalina,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1936, *S. triandra*, t. 1435, *S. lanceolata*, t. 1436.)

A moderate-sized tree, often flowering as a shrub. Leaves rather narrow, lanceolate, either paler or more frequently nearly white underneath, but not silky. Catkins cylindrical and loose, on very short, leafy shoots, like those of the *common W.*, but in the males there are always 3 stamens under each scale, and in the females the scales are more persistent, remaining often till the fruit is ripe. Capsules seldom 2 lines long, glabrous, usually pedicellate, and but little tapering at the top.

In moist or marshy places, in hedges, etc., all over Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, and much cultivated for basket-making. Frequent in some parts of southern England and Ireland. *Fl. spring.*

5. **Purple Willow. Salix purpurea,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1388, *S. Helix*, t. 1343, *S. Forbyana*, t. 1344, *S. rubra*, t. 1145, *S. Lambertiana*, t. 1359.)

A shrub, decumbent at the base, or a small tree; the branches twiggy, glabrous, yellow, green, or purple. Leaves usually long and narrow, varying to oblong, green and glabrous above, usually whitish or slightly silky underneath. Catkins appearing before the leaves, the males at least closely sessile along the twigs, with only very small bracts at the base, narrow-cylindrical but closely packed, seldom an inch long when in flower, shortly silky; the scales short, obtuse, and tipped with purple. Stamens united into an entire filament with a double anther, or the filament forked, with an anther on each branch. Capsules cottony-white, 1 to 1½ lines long, usually sessile, and very obtuse. The female catkins, especially when in fruit, are sometimes shortly stalked, with a few leafy bracts at their base.

In marshy places, and on river-banks, in temperate and southern Europe, extending across Russian Asia, and northwards to southern Scandinavia; some varieties cultivated as Osiers. Spread over England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. early spring.* The broader-leaved varieties, commonly designated as *S. purpurea* or *S. Helix*, appear to be the most common, the narrower-leaved *S. rubra* chiefly cultivated.

6. **Osier Willow. Salix viminalis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1898, *S. stipularis*, t. 1214. *Common Osier.*)

A shrub, with long, twiggy branches, usually slightly downy, sometimes growing into a small tree. Leaves long and narrow, often 4 or 5 inches, of a silvery white underneath, with the silky down more copious than in any other long-leaved species. Catkins cylindrical, sessile or nearly so, with a few bracts at the base, an inch long or rather more, with rather long, silky hairs. Stamens 2, as in all the following species. Capsules downy, about 2 lines long, tapering towards the top.

In wet places, along streams, etc., throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, and the most commonly cultivated Osier. Frequent in Britain. *Fl. spring.* The *S. Smithiana*, Willd. (*S. mollissima*, Eng. Bot. t. 1509), is a rather broader-leaved variety, with the capsules more distinctly pedicellate.

7. **Sallow Willow. Salix Caprea,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1488, *S. sphacelata*, t. 2333, *S. cinerea*, t. 1897, *S. aqualica*, t. 1437, *S. oleæfolia*, t. 1402, and probably *S. acuminata*, t. 1434. *Common Sallow.*)

A tall shrub or bushy tree. Leaves ovate or oblong, often rather large, seldom tapering at the top, either narrowed, rounded, or broadly cordate at the base, usually of a greyish green, more or less wrinkled, and whitish underneath with a short crisped down not silky, entire or toothed, especially when old. Stipules usually conspicuous, broad and oblique. Catkins sessile, the males usually closely so, with a few broad, scale-like bracts at the base, oblong-cylindrical, an inch long or rather more, and very silky-hairy; the females not quite so close; the bracts often more leafy, and when in fruit 2 inches long or more. Capsules downy-white, pedicellate, 3 or 4 lines long, tapering into a long beak.

In woods, thickets, and hedges, along streams, etc., throughout Europe and Russian Asia to the Arctic Circle. Common in Britain. *Fl. early spring.* It varies very much in the size and shape of the leaves, the amount of down, etc., but generally distinguished from all the preceding species by the cottony, not silky, down, and wrinkled leaves, from most of the following by its larger size. The *grey Sallow* (*S. cinerea*, Linn.) is distinguished by some as being more downy, by others as less so, with the leaves usually smaller, and the catkins not quite so thick and silky.

8. **Round-eared Willow. Salix aurita,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1487.)

Allied to the *Sallow W.* and perhaps a variety, but more bushy; the leaves smaller, usually obovate, about an inch long, but varying from orbicular to oblong, and then often 2 inches long; they are also more wrinkled than in the *Sallow*, waved on the edges, grey and downy, especially on the under side; the stipules very conspicuous. Male catkins closely sessile but much smaller than in the *Sallow*, and the silky hairs less prominent; the females about half an inch long when in flower, an inch when in fruit, on a short stalk, with small leafy bracts. Capsules pedicellate, 2 to 3 lines long, tapering at the top.

In woods and thickets, in Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions. Common in Britain. *Fl. early spring.*

9. **Tea-leaved Willow. Salix phylicifolia,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1146, 1213?, 1390, 1403, 1404, 1958, 2186, 2342, 2343, and 2344.)

A bushy shrub, very variable in its foliage, some of the larger forms coming very near the *Sallow*, whilst the smaller ones appear to pass gradually into the *whortle W.* Young shoots and leaves often downy, when old usually glabrous. Leaves ovate-oblong or rarely lanceolate, usually 1 to 2 inches long, and pointed, not wrinkled, but the veins rather prominent above, often toothed at the edge, and glaucous or whitish underneath, but not closely silky. Catkins more slender and less silky than in the *Sallow;* the males nearly sessile, with a few broad, or sometimes leafy, bracts at the base; the females more stalked, with the bracts more leafy, usually under an inch long when in flower, 1 to 2 inches when in fruit. Capsules shortly stalked, glabrous or silky or cottony-white, 2 to near 3 lines long when ripe.

In woods, thickets, and waste places, near streams, in northern and Arctic Europe and Asia, and in the mountain districts of central and southern Europe. In Britain, chiefly in northern England, in Scotland, and probably in Ireland. *Fl. spring and early summer.* Among the numerous varieties published as species, often from specimens transplanted from their native stations and altered by cultivation, two forms are generally recognized as distinct types, *S. nigricans*, which always turns black in drying and is usually larger, and *S. phylicifolia*, which preserves its colour better and has usually a smaller and neater foliage.

10. **Creeping Willow. Salix repens,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 183, *S. argentea*, t. 1364, *S. arbuscula*, t. 1366, *S. prostrata*, t. 1959, *S. fusca*, t. 1960, *S. parvifolia*, t. 1961, *S. adscendens*, t. 1962.

A low, straggling shrub; the stems creeping extensively underground and rooting at the base, ascending to the height of about a foot or more, erect and taller when cultivated in rich soils; the foliage and young shoots more or less densely silky-white. Leaves oblong or lanceolate, under an inch long, rarely shortly ovate, or in luxuriant shoots narrow-oblong, 1½ inches long, usually entire or nearly so, and silky on both sides. Catkins cylindrical, usually about 6 lines long, and sessile when in flower, with a few leafy bracts at the base; when in fruit the peduncle lengthens, and the catkin often attains an inch. Capsules pedicellate, usually silky, seldom 2 lines long.

On heaths, moors, and sandy places, in Arctic, northern, and central Europe, and Russian Asia, more rare in southern Europe. Common in Britain. *Fl. spring.* Varieties rather less creeping, with the leaves somewhat wrinkled, and the white down rather more cottony, distinguished under the names of *S. ambigua* or *S. versifolia*, showing in some respects a connection between the *round-eared W.* and the *creeping W.*, are asserted by German botanists to be accidental hybrids between those two species.

11. **Downy Willow. Salix Lapponum,** Linn.

(*S. arenaria*, Eng. Bot. t. 1809, *S. glauca*, t. 1810, *S. Stuartiana*, t. 2586.)

A spreading, much branched shrub, usually low and scrubby, sometimes attaining 2 or 3 feet or even more when it descends into rich valleys. Leaves oblong or lanceolate, pointed, and entire, covered on both sides with a white cottony down, or, when old, becoming nearly glabrous above. Catkins closely sessile, with a few deciduous bracts at their base; when in flower about an inch long, thick, with long, dense, silky hairs; when in fruit lengthening to 1½ or 2 inches. Capsules sessile, cottony, about 2 lines long.

In mountain pastures, and wet, bushy places, in northern and Arctic Europe, and Asia, and in the mountains of central Europe. In Britain, only in the Highlands of Scotland. *Fl. summer.* It varies much in stature and the size of the leaves, but is always distinguished from the *creeping W.* by the stem not creeping underground, and the much larger catkins, more like those of the *Sallow W.*, and from the latter species by the entire leaves and sessile capsules.

12. **Woolly Willow. Salix lanata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2624.)

A stout, much branched shrub, attaining about 2 feet in height, allied to

the *downy W.*, but the leaves are usually ovate, covered on both sides with a thick, soft, silky wool, and the catkins longer, clothed with dense, long, silky hairs, of a fine golden-yellow; when in fruit they attain near 3 inches in length. Capsules sessile, cottony, tapering at the top, more than 3 lines long.

A high northern and Arctic species, both in Europe and Asia. Very local in Britain, and only in a few rocky glens in the eastern Grampians in Scotland. *Fl. early summer.*

13. **Whortle Willow. Salix myrsinites,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. 1360, *S. procumbens*, Suppl. t. 2753.)

A low, scraggy, much branched shrub, sometimes closely procumbent, though not creeping underground, sometimes rising to the height of a foot or more. Leaves small, orbicular, ovate or lanceolate, bright green, with prominent veins, and finely toothed; usually with long, silky hairs when young, becoming glabrous when old. Catkins loosely cylindrical, ½ to 1 inch long in flower, 1½ to 2 inches when in fruit, always borne on short, leafy shoots or peduncles. Capsules nearly sessile, about 2 lines long, more or less hairy.

In the mountains of northern and Arctic Europe and Asia, and at considerable elevations in the Alps and Pyrenees. In Britain, only in the Scotch Highlands. *Fl. early summer.* Under the name of *S. arbuscula* the British Floras include the plants figured in Eng. Bot. t. 1361, 1362, 1363, and 2341, which appear to be either varieties of the *whortle W.*, of rather larger growth, with short peduncles to the catkins, and the leaves rather glaucous underneath, or perhaps in some instances small-leaved varieties of the *tea-leaved W.*, showing in their more toothed leaves and more leafy peduncles an approach to the *whortle W.*

14. **Reticulate Willow. Salix reticulata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1908.)

A prostrate, much branched shrub, often spreading to a considerable extent, but not rising above 5 or 6 inches from the ground; the branches glabrous or hairy when young. Leaves obovate or orbicular, quite entire, ¾ to 1 inch long and broad, green, glabrous, and much wrinkled above, white underneath. Catkins on rather long, leafless peduncles, at the ends of short branches, opposite to the last leaf; both males and females cylindrical, ½ to 1 inch long, shortly downy but not silky-hairy. Capsules cottony, about 1½ lines long.

In the mountains of northern and Arctic Europe, Asia, and America, and at considerable elevations in the great mountain-ranges of central Europe and Russian Asia. In Britain, probably confined to the Scotch Highlands. *Fl. summer.*

15. **Dwarf Willow. Salix herbacea,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1907.)

The smallest of British shrubs, the half-underground stems creeping and rooting sometimes to a considerable extent, the branches seldom rising above 2 inches from the ground. Leaves obovate or orbicular, about half an inch long, finely crenated, green, glabrous, and veined like those of the *whortle W.*, or sometimes slightly silky-hairy when young. Catkins very small, ovoid, and few-flowered, on very short, leafless peduncles, or almost

sessile, opposite the last leaf of the young shoots. In fruit they sometimes attain half an inch. Capsules nearly glabrous, full 2 lines long.

In alpine pastures, in northern and Arctic Europe and Asia, and in the Alps and Pyrenees. Common at high elevations in the mountains of Scotland, extending into northern England, North Wales, and northern Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

IX. **POPLAR.** POPULUS.

Leaves usually broadly triangular or nearly orbicular, on slender stalks; the scales of the leaf-buds often covered with a resinous varnish. Catkins cylindrical, usually silky-hairy, the scales irregularly toothed or lobed at the top. Perianth (or inner united scales) a small, flat, oblique cup. Stamens in the males from about 8 to near 30, with slender filaments and small anthers. Ovary in the females 1-celled, with several ovules inserted on short, parietal placentas. Styles 2, with deeply forked stigmas. Fruit a capsule, opening in 2 valves. Seeds several, minute, with a tuft of long, silky hairs.

A small genus, confined to the temperate regions of the northern hemisphere, very near the *Willows* in flowers and fruit, but distinct in habit and foliage, and in the presence of an apparent perianth.

Under side of the leaves and young shoots very white and cottony . . 1. *White P.*
Under side of the leaves green and glabrous.
Leaves ovate-triangular, tapering at the top, with small, regular teeth 3. *Black P.*
Leaves small, orbicular or rhomboidal, irregularly and rather coarsely toothed . . . . . 2. *Aspen P.*

The *Tacamahac* or *balsam P.* (*P. balsamifera*), the *Carolina P.* (*P. angulata*), and some other North American species, are to be met with in our plantations.

1. **White Poplar. Populus alba,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1618. *Abele.*)

A tall and handsome tree, with a light-grey or ash-coloured bark, the young shoots, as well as the under side of the full-grown leaves, covered with a close, very white cotton. Leaves orbicular or very broadly ovate, irregularly sinuate or shortly lobed, more or less cordate at the base. Catkins sessile, about 2 inches long, the membranous scales jagged at the top, very deciduous, hairy in the males, less so in the females. Stamens usually about 8. Lobes of the stigmas linear.

Along streams, and in open, moist woods, dispersed over central and southern Europe and temperate Russian Asia, scarcely extending into northern Germany. In Britain, very generally planted, and probably truly indigenous in eastern and southern England. *Fl. spring.* The *grey P.* (*P. canescens*, Eng. Bot. t. 1619) is a variety with rather smaller leaves, seldom lobed, and not so white.

2. **Aspen Poplar. Populus tremula,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1909. *Aspen.*)

A smaller tree than our two other *Poplars*, of slower growth, the branches more slender. Leaves nearly orbicular, like those of the *white P.*, but smaller, often not an inch broad, less deeply toothed, scarcely cordate, of a thinner texture, without any white cotton, although sometimes very pale

underneath; the leafstalks particularly slender, so that the blade trembles with the slightest motion of the air. Catkins much smaller than in the *white P.*, the scales as well the stigmas more deeply divided. Stamens usually 6 to 8.

In woods and forests, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle. In Britain, apparently more frequent in Scotland than in England or Ireland. *Fl. early spring.*

3. **Black Poplar. Populus nigra,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1910.)

A tall, quick-growing tree, readily assuming a somewhat pyramidal form, quite glabrous, with very glutinous buds. Leaves broadly rhomboidal or nearly triangular, tapering at the top, the lower angles rounded, the edge crenated or serrated, green on both sides. Catkins loose, about 2 inches long, the scales hairy only at the tips. Stamens more numerous than in the *Aspen* or the *white P.*, and the lobes of the stigmas shorter and broader.

In moist places, the borders of streams, etc., in central and southern Europe, and the more temperate portions of Russian Asia. In northern Europe it has been much planted, and is now common in Scandinavia as well as in Britain, but probably not truly indigenous even in southern England. *Fl. early spring.* The well-known *Lombardy P.* is believed to be a cultivated variety of the *black P.*, of Eastern origin.

LXXIII. THE PINE FAMILY. CONIFERÆ.

Trees or shrubs, mostly with resinous juice. Leaves stiff, and in the European genera always entire, either subulate or linear, or short and scale-like. Flowers monœcious or dicœcious, in cylindrical or short catkins, with closely-packed scales, or the females rarely solitary. Stamens inserted either on the axis of the catkin under the scales, or the anther-cells sessile on the inside of the scales themselves, which then form a part of the stamens. Ovules and seeds *naked*, that is, without ovary, style, or pericarp, either inserted under the catkin-scales or solitary and quite exposed.

An extensive Order, spread over the whole globe, although within the tropics chiefly confined to mountainous districts. In the northern hemisphere they often form vast forests, and include the loftiest trees known. Three species only are indigenous to Britain, but a large number of exotic ones are generally planted, and some to such an extent as now to cover large tracts of country. The very peculiar structure of the flowers and seeds of this and the adjoining small tropical family of *Cycadeæ*, has induced many botanists to consider them as a separate class, distinct both from *Dicotyledons* and *Monocotyledons*.

Male catkins cylindrical, with 2 anther-cells to each scale. Fruit a dry cone, with 2 winged seeds under each scale . . . . . 1. Pine.
Male catkins small, with 4 anther-cells to each scale. Fruit small and succulent, containing 2 or 3 hard seeds . . . . . 2. Juniper.
Male catkins small, with 3 to 8 anther-cells to each of the upper scales. Fruit a single seed, half immersed in a succulent cup . . . . . 3. Yew.

The most commonly planted *Conifers*, not belonging to the above genera, are species of *Cyprcss*, resembling *Junipers* in foliage and male flowers, but the fruit is larger and woody, with numerous small seeds; or of *Thuia*, very near *Cypress*, but with flattened branches, and very small, ovate, dry cones, with few seeds; or of *Taxodium*, with deciduous leaves, and a small cone near that of *Cypress;* besides the *Sequoias* of California, *Cryptomeria* from Japan, and several others of recent introduction likely to become common in our plantations.

I. **PINE.** PINUS.

Trees, with linear or subulate leaves. Male catkins closely imbricated, with 2 adnate anther-cells on the inside of each scale (at least apparently so, for in fact the scale is the connectivum of the anther, and the whole catkin thus consists of nothing but closely imbricated anthers). Female catkins short, consisting of closely imbricated scales, with 2 ovules on the inside of each; the *foramen*, or open pore at the top of the ovule, turned downwards. Fruit a *cone*, consisting of more or less hardened, imbricated scales, each one covering 2 winged seeds.

A large genus, constituting the great mass of the *Conifers* of the northern hemisphere, scarcely penetrating into the tropics, and unknown in the southern hemisphere.

1. **Scotch Pine. Pinus sylvestris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2460. *Common Pine. Norway* or *Riga Pine* or *Fir. Scotch Fir.*)

A tree of considerable size; the main trunk simple or forked, with a reddish bark, and a rather dense head, but less so than in many other species. Leaves stiffly subulate, evergreen, seldom above 2 inches long, in pairs, surrounded by short, scarious scales. Cones sessile, ovoid, conical, recurved when young; the scales hard and woody, much thickened upwards, with a short, thick point, often turned backward in the lower scales of one side of the cone, but generally disappearing as the cone ripens. Seeds with an obliquely lanceolate, obtuse wing, 2 or 3 times as long as the seed itself.

Widely distributed over northern and central Europe and Russian Asia, chiefly in granitic or sandy soils, and in the mountains of southern Europe and the Caucasus. Truly indigenous in the Scotch Highlands, and in former times in Ireland; extensively planted all over Britain, and quite naturalized in some parts of southern England. *Fl. spring.*

The cultivated species of this genus are very numerous, belonging to the four principal sections, considered by some as genera, viz.:—1. The *true Pines*, with subulate evergreen leaves, in clusters of 2 to 5, and hard cones with the scales usually thickened at the top, including, besides the *Scotch P.*, the *Pinaster* or *maritime P.*, the *Weymouth P.*, the *Roman P.*, etc. 2. The *Spruce Firs*, with shorter, somewhat flattened leaves, arranged singly and often in two opposite ranks, and with thin scales to the cones, including the *common* or *Norway Spruce*, now almost naturalized in Britain, the *silver Spruce*, the *Hemlock Spruce*, the *balm of Gilead Fir*, the *Douglas Pine*, etc. 3. The *Larch*, with short, fine, deciduous leaves, in dense clusters, and small cones with thin scales; and 4. The *Cedar of Lebanon*, and *Deodara*, with short, evergreen, subulate leaves, clustered as in the *Larches*, and large, hard, closely packed cones.

II. **JUNIPER.** JUNIPERUS.

Shrubs or small trees, with evergreen leaves, either small and scale-like, or spreading, stiff, and pointed, or both kinds on the same shrub. Flowers usually dicecious, in minute axillary catkins; the males consisting of broad, shield-shaped scales, with 3 to 6 anther-cells attached to their lower edge; the females with imbricated, empty scales at the base, and 3 to 6 fleshy ones at the top, coalescing into one, and enclosing as many ovules, with their foramen or open pore turned upwards. Fruit a small berry, formed by the succulent scales, enclosing 1 or 2 hard seeds.

A numerous genus, nearly as widely spread as the *Pines* over the northern hemisphere.

1. Common Juniper. **Juniperus communis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1100.)

A much branched, evergreen shrub, sometimes procumbent, sometimes ascending or erect, 2, 3, or even 4 feet high. Leaves in whorls of 3, linear, spreading, ending in a prickly point, not above 6 lines long, of a bright green underneath, glaucous and concave above. Catkins scarcely above a line long. Berries globular, of a dark purple-blue, the size of a large pea.

On rather dry, barren hills, in Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions, and in northern America. Dispersed over the British Isles, but more common in the north than in the south. *Fl. spring.* A dwarf mountain variety, not uncommon in Scotland, with a closely procumbent stem, and rather shorter, less prickly leaves, has been distinguished as a species, under the name of *J. nana* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2743).

The cultivated species include the American *red* or *pencil Cedar* (*J. virginiana*), the south European *Savin* (*J. sabina*), and several other North American and Asiatic species.

III. **YEW.** TAXUS.

Trees or shrubs, with evergreen linear leaves. Flowers mostly dicecious. Catkins small, with empty, imbricated scales at the base; the males terminating in a cluster of stamens, each consisting of 3 to 8 anther-cells, under a shield-like scale or connectivum; the females of a single erect ovule, with a small cup-shaped disk round its base. Fruit a hard seed, partly imbedded in a pulpy, berry-like cup.

A small genus, extending all round the northern hemisphere.

1. Common Yew. **Taxus baccata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 746.)

A densely branched, dark, evergreen tree, not lofty, but attaining a great age, with a thick trunk and hard wood. Leaves 6 to 9 lines long, inserted all round the branches, but spreading in one plane in two opposite ranks, convex and shining on the upper side. Catkins very small, in the axils of the leaves. Fruits, though small, conspicuous by their bright red, half-transparent, juicy cups.

Dispersed over central Europe, and the mountains of southern Europe, extending eastward into the mountains of central Asia, and northward to

southern Scandinavia. Common in Britain, having been much planted in earlier times; it appears, however, to be truly indigenous in hilly districts in England, southern Scotland, and northern Ireland. *Fl. spring.* The *Irish* or *Florence-Court Yew*, a shrub with erect branches, is a garden variety of the *common Y.*

Class II. MONOCOTYLEDONS.

Stem not distinguishable into pith, wood, and bark, but consisting of bundles of fibres, irregularly imbedded in cellular tissue, with a firmly adherent rind outside. Seeds with one cotyledon, the embryo undivided, the young stem being developed from a sheath-like cavity on one side.

Besides the above positive characters, *Monocotyledons* may be generally known by their simple, entire, alternate or radical leaves, with simple parallel veins, the base usually encircling or sheathing the stem or the base of the next leaf; and the parts of the flower are most frequently in threes, the calyx and corolla, when present, being generally similar in appearance, forming a single perianth of six parts. In several families, however, the perianth is entirely wanting, or reduced to a very few small scales; in the *Arum* family, in *Tamus*, and *Paris*, the leaves are somewhat netted-veined; and in some *Naiads*, and in *Paris*, and some *Convallarias*, they are opposite or whorled.

LXXIV. THE BULRUSH FAMILY. TYPHACEÆ.

Reed-like marsh or aquatic herbs, with long, linear leaves. Flowers monœcious, in dense spikes or globular clusters, without any perianth. Ovary tapering into a slender, simple style. Fruit a small, seed-like nut, with a single pendulous seed. Embryo straight, in a copious albumen.

A family limited to the two British genera.

Flowers in long, dense, cylindrical spikes . . . . . 1. Bulrush.
Flowers in distinct globular heads . . . . . 2. Sparganium.

I. BULRUSH. TYPHA.

Flowers in a long, very dense, cylindrical and simple spike, terminating the stem, the upper part consisting of stamens only, intermixed with hairs, the lower part more dense, with minute ovaries, surrounded by numerous hairs. Nuts very small, enveloped in a copious down.

A small genus, spread over the greater part of the globe.

Male flowers close above the females, in an uninterrupted spike . . . . 1. *Great B.*
Male and female parts of the spike separated by a short interval without flowers . . . . . 2. *Lesser B.*

1. **Great Bulrush. Typha latifolia,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1455. *Bulrush. Cat's-tail. Reedmace.*)

Rootstock shortly creeping, with erect, reed-like stems, 3 to 6 feet high. Leaves very long, erect and linear, sheathing at the base, but flat in the greater part of their length. Flowers in a continuous spike, often more than a foot long, the upper male portion rather thicker when in flower, yellow with the very numerous, closely packed, linear anthers; the minute ovaries of the lower part as closely packed, and enveloped in tufts of soft, brownish hairs. When in fruit, the upper part of the spike is a bare stalk, whilst the lower part has thickened by the enlargement of the nuts, still enveloped in the rusty down.

On the margins of ponds, lakes, and watery ditches, nearly all over the globe, except the extreme north and south. Abundant in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland, but not in the Highland districts. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Lesser Bulrush. Typha angustifolia,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1456.)

Differs from the *great B.* chiefly in the interruption in the spike between the male and the female flowers, for a space varying from a few lines to an inch in length. It is also usually smaller, with narrower and stiffer leaves, more concave on the upper side, and the spikes are more slender, but all these characters are very variable.

Accompanies the *great B.* over the greater part of its area, but is not quite so common, and scarcely extends so far north. In Britain, probably confined to England and Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

II. **SPARGANIUM.** SPARGANIUM.

Flowers in globular heads, placed at a distance from each other along the summit of the stem, with leaf-like bracts under the lower ones. Upper heads all males, consisting of stamens with minute scales irregularly interposed; the lower heads larger, all females, consisting of sessile ovaries, each one surrounded by 3 to 6 scales, forming an irregular perianth.

A small genus, dispersed over the northern hemisphere without the tropics.

Inflorescence branched, each branch bearing more than one head . . 1. *Branched S.*
Inflorescence simple.
Stem and leaves erect . . . . . 2. *Simple S.*
Stem weak. Leaves floating . . . . . 3. *Floating S.*

1. **Branched Sparganium. Sparganium ramosum,** Huds.

(Eng. Bot. t. 744. *Bur-reed.*)

Stems erect, simple or branched, 2 feet high or more, sheathed below by the long, linear leaves, which usually far surpass the inflorescences. These form a kind of panicle at the summit of the stem, with 3 or 4 to 6 or 8 simple branches, each bearing 6 to 12 or even more male heads, about the size of a pea till the stamens expand, when they are about 4 lines in dia-

meter; the lower female heads are full 6 lines in diameter, glabrous, with the long, linear points of the stigmas very prominent.

On the margins of ponds, lakes, and streams, almost all over Europe and Russian Asia, and a portion of North America, but scarcely reaching the Arctic Circle. Extends all over Britain. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Simple Sparganium. Sparganium simplex,** Huds.
(Eng. Bot. t. 745.)

Rather smaller than the *branched S.*, with narrow leaves; the flower-heads much fewer, at considerable distances from each other along the simple summit of the stem; all sessile except the lowest female, which is often on a peduncle of 1 to 2 inches. Flowers as in the *branched S.*

In similar situations, and nearly as widely distributed as the *branched S.*, but not quite so common. Not unfrequent in England and Ireland, but more rare in Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Floating Sparganium. Sparganium natans,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 273. *S. minimum*, Bab. Man.)

An aquatic plant; the weak stems ascending to the surface of the water, on which the long, narrow leaves float. Flower-heads very few, with long, linear bracts; the 2 or 3 lowest ones female, and usually stalked. Fruiting heads smaller than in the two last species, and the styles or points to the fruits very much shorter.

In lakes and pools, in northern and Arctic Europe, Asia, and America; and in the high mountain-ranges of southern Europe and central Asia. In Britain, more frequent in Scotland and Ireland than in England. *Fl. summer.*

LXXV. THE ARUM FAMILY. AROIDEÆ.

Herbs, with the rootstock often tuberous but not bulbous; the veins of the leaves sometimes branched or even netted, almost as in *Dicotyledons*. Flowers closely packed in a dense spike, called a *spadix*, with a leaf-like or coloured bract at the base, called a *spatha*. The stamens and ovaries either in different parts of the spike or mixed together, without any perianth, or separated by small scales, which rarely form a small, regular perianth. Ovary with 1 or several cells, each with 1 or more ovules. Fruit a berry. Seeds with or rarely without albumen.

A considerable family, chiefly from the tropical and warmer parts of the globe, where many acquire a considerable size, or climb up the stems of trees. The large spatha and broad leaves are at once characteristic of the majority of species; a few however come near to the *Bulrushes* in habit, but are always distinguished by their succulent fruit, and in most cases by the seeds, or at least the ovules, not solitary.

Leaves broad. Spatha large . . . . . 1. ARUM.
Leaves and spatha long and linear. Plant reed-like . . . . . 2. ACORUS.

I. **ARUM.** ARUM.

Spatha large, *convolute* (the edges rolled over each other) at the base. No perianth. Pistils or female flowers at the base of the spike. Stamens or male flowers above them; the club-shaped summit of the axis without flowers. Berry with 1 or very few seeds.

A genus sometimes limited to a very few species, from Europe and temperate Asia, sometimes extended so as to comprehend a large portion of the *Aroideæ* of the northern hemisphere without the tropics.

1. **Common Arum. Arum maculatum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1298. *Cuckoo-pint. Wake-robin. Lords-and-Ladies.*)

Rootstock an acrid, white tuber. Leaves on long, radical footstalks, ovate-hastate; the lobes of the base straight or shortly diverging, of a dark, shining green, sometimes spotted with purple or marked with pale-whitish veins. Spatha 6 to 8 inches long, obliquely campanulate, tapering to a point at the top, the convolute part contracted above the base. Spike half concealed in the spatha, the club-shaped yellow or purplish top alone appearing above the convolute part. Berries bright red, in a short spike, on a naked peduncle, the leaves and spatha having died away before they are ripe.

In woods and thickets, under hedges, etc., chiefly in central Europe, from northern Italy and Spain to southern Scandinavia. Frequent in England and Ireland, rare in southern Scotland. *Fl. spring.* The white-veined variety from the Isle of Wight has been mistaken for the south European *A. italicum.*

II. **ACORUS.** ACORUS.

A single species, distinguished as a genus by the leaf-like spatha not enclosing the spike, and by the numerous hermaphrodite flowers consisting of a perianth of 6 short scales, 6 stamens, and a 2- or 3-celled ovary, all closely packed in a dense, cylindrical spike.

1. **Sweet Acorus. Acorus calamus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 356. *Sweet Flag. Sweet Sedge.*)

A highly aromatic, reed-like plant, with a thick, shortly creeping rootstock. Leaves linear, and erect, 2 or 3 feet long, about half an inch broad. Flowering-stem simple and erect, the long, linear, leaf-like spatha forming a flattened continuation, with the spike sessile at its base so as to appear lateral; it is cylindrical, very dense, 2 to 3 inches long, of a yellowish-green colour.

On the edges of lakes and streams, all over Europe, except the extreme north; rare in the most western States, but extends all across Russian and central Asia into North America. In Britain, believed to be indigenous only in some of the eastern counties of England, but has been introduced into many parts of England and southern Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

LXXVI. **THE DUCKWEED FAMILY.** LEMNACEÆ.

A single genus, united by some with the *Arum* family,

but anomalous in its mode of vegetation and very reduced flowers.

I. **DUCKWEED.** LEMNA.

Floating plants, without distinct stems or real leaves, but consisting of small, leaf-like *fronds*, either separate or cohering two or three together by their edges, emitting one or more fibres from their under surface into the water, and multiplying by similar fronds growing out of their edges. Flowers very rare, appearing from a fissure in the edge of the frond, and consisting of a minute membranous bract or *spatha*, enclosing 2 stamens (or 1 only in an exotic species) and a single 1-celled ovary, with one or more ovules, a short style, and no perianth.

A small genus, widely distributed over Europe, northern Asia, and North America, but rare in the tropics.

Roots in clusters. Fronds above 3 lines diameter . . . . . 4. *Greater D.*
Roots solitary.
Fronds very thin, oblong or narrowed at one end (the young ones usually projecting on each side at right angles) . . . . . 1. *Ivy-leaved D.*
Fronds broadly ovate, under 3 lines diameter.
Fronds rather thick, slightly convex underneath . . . . . 2. *Lesser D.*
Fronds very thick and convex underneath . . . . . 3. *Gibbous D.*

1. **Ivy-leaved Duckweed. Lemna trisulca,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 926.)

Fronds very differently shaped from those of the other species, and much thinner. They are usually near 6 lines long and about half that breadth, thin, narrow and minutely toothed at one end, and ending in a little stalk at the other, with 2 young ones usually growing from opposite sides near the base, and a single root from underneath. Flowers of the *lesser D.*

On ponds and still waters. One of the common species on the Continent, but less so in Britain, especially in the north. *Fl. summer, but very rarely.*

2. **Lesser Duckweed. Lemna minor,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1095.)

Fronds usually about 2 lines long, broadly ovate or orbicular, cohering 3 or 4 together, with 1 root under each but without any stalk, quite entire, and of a rather thick consistence. Ovary with a single ovule.

On ponds and still waters, throughout the range of the genus, and generally the commonest species, often covering the water to a great extent. *Fl. summer, and more easily met with in that state than any other species.*

3. **Gibbous Duckweed. Lemna gibba,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1233.)

Fronds shaped like those of the *lesser D.*, but rather larger and much thicker, flat above, spongy and almost hemispherical underneath, with a single root to each. Stamens 2. Ovary with 2 or more ovules.

With the station and range of the *lesser D.* it is everywhere less common. Rare in England and Ireland, and still more so in Scotland. *Fl. summer, very rarely.*

4. **Greater Duckweed. Lemna polyrrhiza,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2458.)

Fronds larger than in any other species, attaining 3 or 4 lines diameter,

broadly ovate or orbicular, rather thick, with a cluster of roots under each one. Flowers of the *gibbous D.*

As widely dispersed as the other species, and rather more frequent than the *gibbous D.*, but much less so than the two others. The flowers appear to have been but once observed.

LXXVII. THE NAIAD FAMILY. NAIADEÆ.

Aquatic floating or submerged plants; the leaves either sheathing at the base or accompanied by sheathing stipules, alternate or sometimes opposite. Flowers axillary, inconspicuous, solitary or spiked, usually proceeding from a sheathing bract. Perianth none, or consisting of 4 small, scale-like segments. Stamens 1, 2, or 4. Ovaries either of 2 or 4 distinct carpels, each with a single ovule and a separate stigma, or single, with 1 ovule and 2 to 4 stigmas. Fruit consisting of 1, 2, or 4 seed-like nuts, each with one seed, without albumen.

An Order not numerous in species, but abundantly diffused over all parts of the world, in the sea as well as in fresh waters.

Stems creeping in sand or mud under salt-water. Leaves very long and linear. Flowers within the base of a long, linear bract, like the stem-leaves . . . . . 1. ZOSTERA.
Stems floating. Flowers axillary.
Ovaries simple, with 1 style and 2 or 3 stigmas. Leaves opposite or whorled, and often toothed . . . . . 2. NAIAD.
Ovaries of 4 carpels, each with a separate stigma.
Flowers and carpels axillary and sessile. Leaves opposite, very slender . . . . . 3. ZANNICHELLIA.
Flowers usually 2, on an axillary peduncle. Carpels stalked, pear-shaped. Leaves alternate, very slender . . . . . 4. RUPPIA.
Flowers in pedunculate spikes or heads. Carpels sessile. Leaves alternate or rarely opposite . . . . . 5. PONDWEED.

I. ZOSTERA. ZOSTERA.

Marine herbs, the stem creeping and rooting in the sand or mud, with long, grass-like, alternate leaves. Flowers enclosed in a sheath near the base of leaves similar to the others, but usually smaller. Within this sheath is an oblong or linear, thin, leaf-like pedunele, on one side of which are arranged in two rows a few sessile anthers, with 3 or 4 sessile or nearly sessile ovaries, tapering into a deeply 2-cleft, linear style. Embryo split longitudinally into 2 valves, which fold over a long, curved, linear radiele.

A genus hitherto limited to the two British species.

Leaves seldom a foot long. Ripe seeds smooth . . . . . 2. *Dwarf Z.*
Leaves usually more than a foot long. Ripe seeds furrowed . . . . 1. *Common Z.*

1. Common Zostera. Zostera marina, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 467. *Grass-wrack.*)

Creeping stems or rootstocks often very long and rather fleshy. Leaves varying from near a foot to several feet in length, and from 2 to 3 or 4 lines

in breadth, with 3, 5, or even 7 more or less distinct parallel nerves. Flowering sheath near the base of the floral leaves, from 1 to 1½ or near 2 inches long. The flattened pedunele narrow-linear, and said to be always without the horizontal appendages of the *dwarf Z.* Seeds oblong, marked by longitudinal furrows.

Common near the sandy or muddy edges of the sea, in most parts of the world, usually at or below low-water mark, and often thrown up in great quantities by the tide. Abundant round the British Isles. *Fl. summer, or, according to some, in spring only.*

2. **Dwarf Zostera. Zostera nana,** Roth.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2931.)

Closely resembles the smaller forms of the *common Z.*, of which it is believed by some to be a mere variety. The leaves are usually from a few inches to near a foot long, very narrow, with only 1 or rarely 3 distinct nerves; the flowering sheath about half an inch long, and the flattened pedunele inside has to every ovary a little transverse appendage or band. Seeds shorter than in the *common Z.*, perfectly smooth.

On sandy shores, usually between high- and low-water marks, in various parts of the world. Common in western Europe, and has been found on several points of the British coasts. *Fl. summer and autumn.* The seeds appear certainly distinct in the two species; the constancy of the other characters is doubtful. I have examined only the dwarf species in a living state.

II. **NAIAD.** NAIAS.

Slender, branching, submerged plants, with linear, opposite or ternate leaves, often crowded into whorls or clusters, and usually toothed. Flowers small and sessile, often clustered with the branch-leaves in the axils, and diœcious or rarely monœcious; the males consisting of a single, nearly sessile anther, enclosed in a little membranous bract; the females of a single ovary, sessile in the sheathing base of the leaf, with 2 to 4 subulate stigmas. Fruit a small, seed-like nut. Embryo straight.

A genus of few species, widely spread over a great part of the globe.

1. **Slender Naiad. Naias flexilis,** Rostk.

Leaves narrow-linear, usually in whorls of 3, or sometimes opposite, often clustered in the axils, about 6 or 8 lines long; the teeth few and very minute. Stigmas usually 3, sometimes 4. Fruit oblong, about a line long.

A common North American species, observed in a few scattered localities in Europe, and recently detected by Mr. D. Oliver in Connemara, in Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

III. **ZANNICHELLIA.** ZANNICHELLIA.

A genus limited to a single species; differing from the narrow-leaved *Pondweeds* by the monœcious flowers sessile in the axils and without perianth, from *Ruppia* in the usually opposite leaves, in the single stamen with a long filament, and in the shape of the fruit.

1. **Common Zannichellia. Zannichellia palustris,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1844. *Horned Pondweed.*)

Stems slender, branched, and floating. Leaves finely linear, bright green, 1 to 2 inches long, mostly opposite, with a small, sheathing, membranous stipule embracing the stem withinside. At the time of flowering there are usually about 4 ovaries together, almost sessile within the stipule, each with a short style and a broad, disk-shaped stigma, and a solitary stamen with a slender filament in the same or in a separate axil; the anthers 2- or 4-celled. When ripe the carpels are 1 to 1½ lines long, sessile or shortly stalked, somewhat curved and flattened, tipped by the remains of the style; the ribs on the back often crenated, warted, or slightly winged.

In ponds, or lagoons of fresh or brackish or even salt water; dispersed over a great part of the globe. Common in Britain. *Fl. the whole summer.*

IV. **RUPPIA.** RUPPIA.

A single species, distinguished as a genus from *Zannichellia* by the alternate leaves, 2 sessile anthers, and the carpels in fruit all stalked and pear-shaped.

1. **Sea Ruppia. Ruppia maritima,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 136. *R. rostellata*, Bab. Man.)

A slender, branched, floating plant, much resembling in appearance the *Fennel Pondweed.* Leaves almost capillary, with a dilated, sheathing base. Peduncles axillary, at first very short, bearing 1 or 2 flowers, each consisting of 2 almost sessile anthers, with 2 distinct cells, and 4 carpels, at first nearly sessile. As the fruit ripens, the carpels become little, ovoid or pear-shaped, obliquely-pointed nuts, 1 to 1½ lines long, raised on pedicels, varying from 2 or 3 lines to an inch in length, the common peduncle also lengthening considerably.

In salt-marshes, lagoons, and shallow creeks and bays, dispersed over nearly the whole globe, excepting perhaps South America. Common round the British Isles. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

V. **PONDWEED.** POTAMOGETON.

Aquatic herbs, with a perennial rootstock, long, floating, usually forked stems, and alternate or rarely opposite leaves, either dilated and sheathing at the base, or having all or some of them a sheathing, scarious stipule in their axil. Flowers small, sessile in a spike or head, on an axillary peduncle rising above the water. Perianth of 4 scale-like segments. Stamens 4, opposite the segments; the anthers sessile and 2-celled. Carpels 4, each with a very short style or a sessile stigma. Nuts small and seed-like, sessile, usually laterally compressed.

A considerable genus, most of the species spread over the greater part of the globe, chiefly in fresh-water, but some accommodating themselves also to salt-water, and many of them very variable in foliage. In the species with axillary stipules, these are sometimes only to be seen under the peduncles or under the branches of the stem.

Upper leaves on long stalks, floating on the surface of the water.
Lower submerged leaves stalked or reduced to mere leaf-stalks . . . . . 1. *Broad P.*
Lower submerged leaves sessile or nearly so.
Lower submerged leaves linear, 1-nerved or slightly 3-nerved 2. *Various-leaved P.*
Lower submerged leaves lanceolate, with 5, 7, or more nerves 3. *Shining P.*
All the leaves under water and sessile.
Leaves all opposite . . . . . 7. *Opposite P.*
Leaves alternate, except under the peduncles or forks.
Leaves broadly ovate, clasping the stem all round . . . . 5. *Perfoliate P.*
Leaves ovate-lanceolate or oblong, broad at the base and clasping the stem . . . . . 4. *Long P.*
Leaves lanceolate or linear, tapering at the base, or not stem-clasping.
Leaves broadly linear or lanceolate, flat and entire, with many nerves . . . . . 3. *Shining P.*
Leaves broadly linear, obtuse, waved, 1- or 3-nerved . . . 6. *Curly P.*
Leaves narrow-linear, not waved, 1- or 3-nerved.
Leaves dilated at the base into a sheath scarious at the edges . . . . . 9. *Fennel P.*
Leaves not dilated at the base, with a scarious stipule in the axil . . . . . 8. *Slender P.*

1. **Broad Pondweed. Potamogeton natans,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1822, *P. oblongus*, Suppl. t. 2849. *P. polygonifolius*, Bab. Man.)

One of the largest of our *Pondweeds*. Leaves stalked, the upper ones floating on the surface of the water, of a thick, opaque texture, ovate or oblong, 2 to 4 inches long by 1 to 1½ broad, usually rounded at the base, sometimes cordate or tapering, marked by several longitudinal nerves, with a few cross-veins often branched or slightly netted; the submerged leaves thinner and narrower, but all stalked or reduced to a mere stalk. Axillary stipules closely sheathing, often an inch long. Spike dense and cylindrical, often an inch long or more, on a stout peduncle of several inches. Nuts ovoid, above a line long, slightly compressed, nearly straight, the inner edge rounded outwards, with 1 or sometimes 3 dorsal ribs.

In stagnant or running waters, deep or shallow, sunny or shaded, in almost all parts of the world, and varies accordingly in the size, shape, and texture of the foliage, the size and number of the flowers, fruits, etc. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer.* A variety with the leaves all under water, thin and almost transparent, although stalked and broad, and with smaller spikes and fruits, is often admitted as a species, under the name of *P. plantagineus* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2848).

2. **Various-leaved Pondweed. Potamogeton heterophyllus,** Schreb.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1285.)

Usually much smaller than the *broad P.*, which it resembles in the long stalk and the ovate or oblong shape of its floating leaves, but these are only 1 to 2 inches long, and the submerged leaves are all narrow-lanceolate or linear, with the few veins of the *slender P.*, tapering at both ends but not distinctly stalked. Spikes and fruits like those of the smaller forms of the *broad P.*

Chiefly a North American species, not common in Europe, where it appears to be rather a western plant. Occurs in many parts of Britain. *Fl. summer.* Sometimes the floating leaves are not developed, and then it is scarcely to be distinguished from the *slender P.* except by its larger size, with a denser spike, and generally a firmer consistence.

3. **Shining Pondweed. Potamogeton lucens,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 376. *P. longifolius*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2847.)

A large species, the leaves usually all thin and under water, sessile or nearly so, tapering at both ends or scarcely obtuse, 2 or 3 to near 6 inches long, seldom above half an inch broad, marked with 2 or 3 well-defined longitudinal nerves on each side of the midrib, besides several intermediate fainter ones, and a few transverse reticulations. Flowers as in the *broad P.*

In ponds and rivers, usually rather deep, generally distributed over the globe, except the extreme north. Not uncommon in Britain. *Fl. summer.* A variety with the upper leaves floating on the surface and shortly stalked, either lanceolate or oblong, has been distinguished under the name of *P. rufescens* (*P. fluitans,* Eng. Bot. t. 1286). The *lanceolate P.* (*P. lanceolatus*, Eng. Bot. t. 1985) appears to be a smaller state of the same species, which is always to be distinguished from the *broad P.* and the *various-leaved P.* by the sessile, many-nerved lower leaves.

4. **Long Pondweed. Potamogeton prælongus,** Wulf.
(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2858.)

A large species, with the leaves all submerged and thin, with numerous longitudinal veins, and a few transverse reticulations, like the *shining P.,* but the leaves are broader, all closely sessile, and half-clasping the stem by their rounded base, usually 3 or 4 inches long, obtuse at the tip, and concave, so as to split in drying. Stipules very prominent. Peduncles long and stout, with the flowers and fruits usually larger than in the *broad P.*, in a rather close spike.

In pools and rivers, generally distributed over the globe, except the extreme north. In Britain, not so common as the *shining P. Fl. summer.*

5. **Perfoliate Pondweed. Potamogeton perfoliatus,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 168.)

Leaves all submerged, thin and many-nerved as in the *long P.* and the *shining P.*, but much shorter, usually ovate, obtuse, completely clasping the stem; the auricles often united on the opposite side, so that the leaf appears to be pierced through; from 1 to 1½ inches long by full an inch broad. Stipules as in the preceding species, but soon disappearing. Spike of flowers seldom above 6 or 8 lines long.

In rivers and ponds, all over the northern hemisphere, and in Australia. Generally distributed in Britain. *Fl. summer.*

6. **Curly Pondweed. Potamogeton crispus,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1012, *the leaves too much lobed.*)

One of the most marked of the alternate-leaved species. Leaves all submerged and thin, narrow-oblong or broadly linear, obtuse, shortly tapering at the base, 1 to 2 inches long, 3 to 5 lines broad, always waved and sinuated on their edges, and marked by 1 strong midrib and 2 parallel slender nerves at some distance from it, but connected with it by a few transverse veins. Spikes small, consisting of about 3 to 6 flowers, at some distance from each other.

In ponds, streams, and ditches, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Common in Britain. *Fl. summer.*

7. **Opposite Pondweed. Potamogeton densus,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 397.)

Readily known by its numerous short leaves, all opposite, and arranged in two rows on opposite sides of the stem; they are all submerged and thin, broadly lanceolate, 6 to 9 lines long, folded and clasping the stem at their base, with a strong midrib and 2 fainter parallel nerves, connected by a few transverse veins. Stipules only under the peduncles or branches. Peduncles very short, turned down after flowering, bearing a head of 2 or 3 flowers only. Ripe carpels rather large, rounded, and smooth.

In shallow pools, and ditches, all over Europe, except the extreme north. Common in Britain. *Fl. summer.*

8. **Slender Pondweed. Potamogeton pusillus,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 215, *P. compressus*, t. 418, *P. gramineus*, t. 2253, *P. trichoides*, Bab. Man.)

Distinguished from all the preceding species by the thread-like stems, and very narrow-linear leaves, like those of *Zannichellia* or *Ruppia*, and from the following by the scarious sheathing stipules, always observable in the axils of those leaves at least which are under the branches or peduncles. Leaves veined as in the *Fennel P.*, 1 to 3 inches long and very seldom a line broad. Peduncles slender, with a short, close spike of small flowers. Nuts small, ovoid, almost pointed, with a more or less strongly marked dorsal rib.

In pools, ditches, and still waters, fresh or salt, almost all over the world. Common in Britain. *Fl. summer.* The *P. acutifolius* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2609) and the *P. zosteræfolius* (Suppl. t. 2685) appear to represent a robust variety of this species, or the latter perhaps a state of the *various-leaved P.*, without the upper floating leaves. In both the leaves are 3-nerved only.

9. **Fennel Pondweed. Potamogeton pectinatus,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 323. *P. filiformis*, Brit. Fl.)

Stems thread-like, with very narrow, grass-like leaves, usually 2 or 3 inches long, most of them dilated at the base into a rather long sheath, which is scarious at the edge and often projecting at the top into two small scarious lobes, these scarious edges supposed to be stipules adhering to the base of the leaf; the sheathing stipules of the other species either wholly wanting or very rare under the peduncles. The midrib of the leaf sometimes separates into longitudinal, netted veins, only visible under a magnifying-glass, and there are usually 2 faint longitudinal nerves at some distance from it. Peduncles usually bearing several clusters of 2 or 3 flowers, at some distance from each other, forming a slender interrupted spike, rarely reduced to a single, small terminal cluster. Nut as in the *slender P.*

In pools, ditches, and still waters, fresh or salt, almost all over the world. Generally distributed over Britain. *Fl. summer.*

LXXVIII. THE ALISMA FAMILY. ALISMACEÆ.

Marsh or water plants, with radical leaves and leafless flower-stems (except in *Schenchzeria*). Flowers in terminal umbels, panicles, or racemes. Perianth of 6 segments, either

all similar, or 3 outer small and sepal-like, and 3 inner ones larger and petal-like. Stamens 6, 9, or indefinite. Ovary of 3, 6, or many carpels, either distinct from the first or separable when in ripe fruit, each with 2 or many ovules. Seeds consisting, within the testa, of a homogeneous mass, usually considered as an undivided embryo without albumen.

The genera are not numerous, but several of them dispersed over the greater part of the world.

Perianth-segments all nearly equal, large and coloured. Flower-stem tall, with a large terminal umbel . . . . . 1. BUTOME.
Perianth-segments 3 small and herbaceous, 3 large and coloured. Flowers opposite or whorled, in a terminal raceme, umbel, or panicle.
Carpels and stamens numerous. Leaves sagittate . . . . . 2. ARROWHEAD.
Carpels numerous. Stamens 6. Leaves ovate or narrow . . . 3. ALISMA.
Carpels 6. Stamens 6. Leaves ovate or oblong . . . . . 4. DAMASONIUM.
Perianth-segments all small and slightly coloured. Flowers alternate, in a raceme or spike.
Carpels 3, distinct. Stem leafy, rush-like . . . . . 5. SCHEUCHZERIA.
Carpels 3, united till they ripen. Leaves linear, all radical . . . 6. TRIGLOCHIN.

I. **BUTOME.** BUTOMUS.

A single species, distinguished from *Alisma* as a genus, or by some botanists as an independent family, chiefly on account of the ovary, which has several ovules in each carpel.

1. **Common Butome. Butomus umbellatus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 651. *Flowering Rush.*)

A perennial, with a thick, creeping rootstock, and long, erect, sedge-like triangular radical leaves, broad and sheathing at the base. Flower-stem leafless, 2 to 4 feet high, thick and rush-like, bearing a large umbel of showy, rose-coloured flowers, with 3 lanceolate, thin bracts at its base. Pedicels 3 to 4 inches long, often 20 to 30 in the umbel. Perianth full an inch diameter, of 6 ovate, spreading, nearly equal segments. Stamens 9. Carpels 6, erect, tapering into short styles, each with numerous minute seeds.

In watery ditches, and still waters, over the greater part of Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Dispersed over central and southern England and Ireland, but believed to be introduced only into northern England and southern Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

II. **ARROWHEAD.** SAGITTARIA.

Aquatic herbs, differing from *Alisma* in their unisexual flowers, the males with numerous stamens, the females with very numerous small carpels in a dense head.

Besides the common species, there are several from North and South America, and eastern Asia.

1. **Common Arrowhead. Sagittaria sagittifolia,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 84.)

A perennial, with a creeping rootstock, forming bulb-like tubers. Leaves radical, rising out of the water on very long stalks; the blade 6 to 8 inches

long, sagittate; the lobes of the base nearly as long as the terminal one, all pointed, but varying much in width. Flower-stem leafless, erect, longer than the leaves, bearing in its upper part several distant whorls of rather large, white flowers; the 3 inner segments of the perianth twice as long as the 3 outer green ones; the upper flowers usually males, on pedicels ½ to 1 inch long; the lower ones females, on shorter pedicels.

In watery ditches, and shallow ponds and streams, dispersed over the greater part of Europe and central and Russian Asia to the Arctic regions. Represented in North America by a slight variety now said to be a distinct species. In Britain, limited to England and Ireland, with the exception of a single station near Paisley, in Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

III. **ALISMA.** ALISMA.

Aquatic herbs, erect or rarely floating, with radical, long-stalked leaves; the flowers either in a terminal umbel, with or without whorls of pedicellate flowers below it, or in a panicle with whorled branches each bearing a similar umbel. Perianth of 3 outer, small, herbaceous segments, and 3 much larger inner ones, petal-like, and very delicate. Stamens 6. Carpels numerous, small, and 1-seeded, either arranged in a ring round the axis, or irregularly in a globular head.

A genus now known to comprise a considerable number of species, chiefly American, but some of them widely distributed over nearly the whole world.

Flowers numerous, in a loose panicle. Carpels forming a ring round the axis of the flower . . . . . 1. *Common A.*
Flowers few, in a single umbel. Carpels irregularly arranged in a globular head.
Stems erect or creeping. Carpels with 4 or 5 prominent ribs . . . 2. *Lesser A.*
Stems floating. Carpels with 12 to 15 slender ribs . . . . . 3. *Floating A.*

1. **Common Alisma. Alisma Plantago,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 837. *Water Plantain.*)

Rootstock perennial, becoming almost bulbous by the thickened sheathing bases of the leafstalks. Leaves radical, varying from ovate to narrow-lanceolate. Flower-stem 1 to 3 feet high, with whorled branches, unequal in length, forming a loose, pyramidal panicle. Flowers rather small, of a pale rose-colour, on long whorled pedicels. Fruit of 20 to 30 carpels, arranged in a single ring round a broad, flat, central axis.

In watery ditches, ponds, and edges of streams; common in Europe and central and Russian Asia, and North America, extending to the Arctic regions, and reappearing in Australia. Abundant in Britain, excepting the north of Scotland. *Fl. all summer.*

2. **Lesser Alisma. Alisma ranunculoides,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 326.)

The leaves and peduncles form annual tufts, but will occasionally emit runners for a succeeding year. Leaves narrow-lanceolate, or sometimes reduced to a linear leafstalk. Flower-stems, in the ordinary state, simple, with a single terminal umbel, or rarely a second whorl below it. Flowers larger than in the *common A.*, sometimes near an inch diameter. Carpels irregularly arranged in a globular head in the centre of the flower.

In wet ditches, bogs and marshes, over the greater part of Europe, from Spain to southern Sweden, but rare in the east. In Britain, as widely dispersed as the *common A.*, but not near so frequent. *Fl. summer and autumn.* Occasionally the flowering-stem bends down, and forms fresh, rooting, and leafy tufts at each whorl of flowers. This state has been described as a species, under the name of the *creeping A.* (*A. repens*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2722).

3. **Floating Alisma. Alisma natans,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 775.)

Very near the creeping varieties of the *lesser A.* Stems slender, and floating on the surface of the water, producing at every node a tuft of small ovate or oblong, stalked leaves, and 2 or 3 flowers like those of the *lesser A.*, whilst the radical leaves of the original tuft are all reduced to a linear leaf-stalk, scarcely dilated towards the top. Carpels in a globular head, like those of the *lesser A.*, but much more pointed, and marked with 12 to 15 slender longitudinal ribs.

In ponds and still waters, in western and some parts of central Europe; not observed in southern Europe, and extending northward only to Denmark and western Scandinavia. In Britain, scattered over a few localities in western England, and more plentiful in western Ireland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

IV. **DAMASONIUM.** DAMASONIUM.

Herbs, only differing from *Alisma* in the carpels, which are few, larger, usually 2-seeded, and cohere by the base to the central axis of the flower.

Besides the European species, the genus comprises two others from Australia and California.

1. **Star Damasonium. Damasonium stellatum,** Pers.

(*Alisma Damasonium*, Eng. Bot. t. 1615. *Actinocarpus*, Brit. Fl.)

A tufted, glabrous annual. Leaves all radical, on long stalks, ovate or oblong, often cordate at the base. Flower-stems erect, from 3 or 4, to 8 or 9 inches high, usually bearing 1 terminal umbel, and 1, 2, or 3 whorls of rather small flowers lower down. Inner segments of the perianth or petals very delicate, white, with a yellow spot at the base. Carpels 6, tapering into a long point, and radiating horizontally, like a star.

In watery ditches, and pools, in western and southern Europe, and west-central Asia, but not extending into Germany or Scandinavia. In Britain, only in some of the southern and eastern counties of England. *Fl. summer.*

V. **SCHEUCHZERIA.** SCHEUCHZERIA.

A single species, distinguished from the preceding genera as well by its habit and inflorescence, as by the smaller, more herbaceous perianth, on which account this and the following genus are often separated as a family, under the name of *Juncagineæ.*

1. **Marsh Scheuchzeria. Scheuchzeria palustris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1801.)

A rush-like perennial, with a creeping rootstock, and an erect stem about

a foot high. Leaves few, linear, sheathing at the base, then narrowed, and nearly cylindrical; the lower ones often longer than the stem; the upper ones passing into short, sheathing floral bracts. Flowers few, rather small, on pedicels about 6 lines long, forming a short, loose terminal raceme. Perianth slightly coloured, of 6 spreading or reflexed segments. Stamens 6. Carpels 3, rarely 4 to 6, near 3 lines diameter when ripe, opening by a longitudinal slit, and containing 1 or 2 seeds.

In bogs and peaty marshes, in northern and Arctic Europe, Russian Asia, and North America, and here and there in the mountainous districts of central Europe. In Britain, only in a few bogs in northern England, at Bomere, in Shropshire, and at Methuen, near Perth. *Fl. summer, rather early.*

VI. **TRIGLOCHIN.** TRIGLOCHIN.

Tufted herbs, with linear, semi-cylindrical radical leaves, and leafless flower-stems, bearing a slender raceme or spike of small greenish flowers without bracts. Perianth of 6 nearly equal segments. Stamens 6. Ovary and fruit of 3 or 6 one-seeded carpels, each bearing a separate, small, feathery stigma, all united at first round a central axis, but separating from it when ripe.

A small genus, chiefly maritime, but widely distributed over the globe.

Ripe fruit linear, with 3 carpels . . . . . 1. *Marsh T.*
Ripe fruit ovoid or oblong, with 6 carpels . . . . . 2. *Sea T.*

1. **Marsh Triglochin. Triglochin palustre,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 366. *Arrow-grass.*)

The tufted stock emits a few slender, creeping runners. Leaves slender, but rather succulent, varying from 2 or 3 to 6 or 8 inches in length, dilated and sheathing at the base. Flower-stems from 6 inches to a foot high, bearing in their upper half a slender spike of small, yellowish-green flowers, which are at first sessile, but as the fruiting advances the pedicels lengthen to 1 or 2 lines. Perianth-segments broadly ovate, the feathery stigmas just appearing above them. After they fall off, the fruit lengthens to about 3 lines by less than a line broad, tapering at the base; when ripe it separates from the base upwards into 3 carpels, leaving a central axis.

In wet meadows, and marshes, and on the shallow edges of streams, more especially in maritime districts, in Europe, central and Russian Asia, and North America, extending from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions. Common in Britain. *Fl. all summer.*

2. **Sea Triglochin. Triglochin maritimum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 255.)

Very near the *marsh T.*, but usually rather stouter, with more succulent leaves, the flowers nearly similar; but even in that state the ovary is broader, with 6 cells, and the ripe fruit is not more than 2 lines long, more than a line broad, and divides into 6 carpels.

In Europe, generally more restricted to the vicinity of the sea than the *marsh T.*, but equally abundant with that species in the salt-marshes of the northern hemisphere, and in central Asia it ascends also high up in mountain-ranges. Common in Britain. *Fl. from spring till late in autumn.*

LXXIX. HYDROCHARIS FAMILY. HYDROCHARIDEÆ.

Aquatic herbs, with undivided leaves, and mostly dicecious flowers, enclosed when young in an involucre or *spatha* of 1 to 3 leaves or bracts. Perianth of 3 or 6 segments, either all petal-like or the 3 outer ones smaller and herbaceous, with a tube adherent to the ovary at its base in the females, without any tube in the males. Stamens in the males 3 to 12. Ovary in the females inferior, 1-celled, with 3 parietal placentas, or divided into 3, 6, or 9 cells. Styles 3, 6, or 9, with entire or 2-cleft stigmas. Fruit small, ripening under water, indehiscent. Seeds several, without albumen.

A small Order, widely diffused over the globe.

Stem floating and branched, with small opposite or whorled leaves. Female perianth-tube long and thread-like. Stigmas 3 . . . . 1. ELODEA.
Stem root-like, with floating tufts of orbicular leaves. Female perianth-tube short, on a slender pedicel. Stigmas 6 . . . . . 2. FROGBIT.
Stem scarcely any. Leaves tufted, succulent, radical. Female perianth-tube short, on a stout pedicel. Stigmas 6 . . . . . 3. STRATIOTES.

I. ELODEA. ELODEA.

Stems submerged, branched, and leafy. Flowers sessile, the males with 9 stamens, the females with a long, thread-like perianth-tube. Style adherent to the tube, with 3 notched or lobed stigmas. Ovary 1-celled, with 3 parietal placentas.

A small genus, exclusively American.

1. Canadian Elodea. Elodea canadensis, Rich.

(*Anacharis Alsinastrum*, Bab. Man.)

A dark green, much branched perennial, entirely floating under water. Leaves numerous, opposite or in whorls of 3 or 4, sessile, linear-oblong, transparent, 3 or 4 lines long. Female flowers, the only ones known in this country, sessile in the upper axils, in a small, 2-lobed spatha; the slender perianth-tube often 2 or 3 inches long, so as to attain the surface of the water, where it terminates in 3 or 6 small, spreading segments. Male flowers unknown as yet in this country, and seldom observed anywhere.

In ponds, canals, and slow streams, abundant in North America, and probably introduced from thence into Britain, where it was first observed in 1847, in Yorkshire, Leicestershire, and near Berwick and Edinburgh. It has since spread with great rapidity over many parts of England, especially in the canals of Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

II. FROGBIT. HYDROCHARIS.

A single species, distinguished as a genus from *Stratiotes* and others more by its habit than by any very marked characters in the flower.

1. Common Frogbit. Hydrocharis Morsus-ranæ, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 808.)

Stems floating, resembling the runners of creeping plants, with floating

tufts of radical leaves, peduncles, and submerged roots. Leaves stalked, orbicular, entire, cordate at the base, rather thick, about 2 inches diameter. Peduncles of the male plant rather short, bearing 2 or 3 rather large flowers on long pedicels, enclosed at the base in a spatha of 2 thin bracts. Outer segments of the perianth pale green, shorter and narrower than the inner white ones. Stamens 3 to 12. Female spatha sessile among the leaves; the flowers like the males, but with the pedicel enlarged at the top into a short perianth-tube enclosing the ovary. Styles 6, with 2-cleft stigmas. Fruit dry, 6-celled, with several seeds.

In ditches and ponds, dispersed over Europe and central and Russian Asia, but not extending to the Arctic Circle. Occurs in many parts of England and Ireland, but in some cases introduced, and not indigenous in Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

III. **STRATIOTES.** STRATIOTES.

A single species, with the flowers nearly of *Frogbit*, but a succulent fruit, and a very different habit.

1. **Water Stratiotes. Stratiotes aloides,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 379. *Water-soldier.*)

Rootstock creeping in the mud, producing at the bottom of the water tufts of sessile, long and narrow, more or less succulent leaves, bordered by small, pointed teeth. Peduncles rising from among the leaves to a few inches above the water, much thickened at the top, bearing a spatha of 2 bracts, about an inch long. Male flowers several in the spatha, stalked, much like those of the *Frogbit* but rather larger, with usually 12 or more stamens. Female flowers solitary, and sessile in the spatha, with a rather long tube, swollen below the middle. Ovary and stigmas nearly as in *Frogbit*, but the fruit is ovoid and somewhat succulent.

In lakes and watery ditches, dispersed over Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Common in the fens of eastern England, occurs also in Lancashire and Cheshire, and in some parts of Ireland, besides many ponds in England and Scotland into which it has been introduced. *Fl. summer.*

LXXX. **THE ORCHID FAMILY.** ORCHIDACEÆ.

Perennial herbs, with the roots or stock often thickened into tubers, entire and parallel-nerved leaves, and irregular flowers, either solitary or in spikes, racemes, or panicles, each one in the axil of a bract. Perianth superior, irregular, with 6 usually petal-like segments; the 3 outer ones, called *sepals*, and 2 of the inner ones, called *petals*, often nearly alike; the third inner one, called the *lip*, differing from the others in shape or direction. Opposite to the lip, in the axis of the flower, is the *column*, consisting of 1 or rarely 2 stamens, combined with the pistil; the 2-celled anther or anthers being variously situated on the style itself. Pollen rarely granular, more frequently

cohering into 1 or 2 pairs of oblong or globular *pollen-masses*, tapering at one end into a point. Ovary inferior, 1-celled, with 3 parietal placentas. Capsule 3-valved, with innumerable minute seeds, resembling fine sawdust.

A very extensive Order, spread over all parts of the globe. Our own species, and generally those of temperate regions, are terrestrial, but a large proportion of the tropical ones are *epiphytes*, growing upon the stems and branches of trees, but without penetrating into their tissue. Numbers of these are now becoming well known, having been of late years extensively cultivated in our hothouses for the singularity of the forms assumed by the flowers, as well as for the great beauty of some of them. The genera are distinguished chiefly by the form and relative arrangement of the anther-cells, the pollen-masses, and the stigma, and the shape and direction of the lip, characters which, however essential, are in many cases as difficult to describe clearly as to observe accurately, especially in dried specimens. For the beginner, therefore, I have endeavoured in the following table to select such prominent features as may guide him to the British species, independently of the more accurate technical characters, which may be reserved for subsequent study.

Plants without any leaves, except short scales.
- Lip with a spur underneath. Flowers few, rather large . . . 8. EPIPOGIUM.
- Lip without a spur. Flowers small.
  - Plant green. Flowers white, in a spirally-twisted spike . . 9. SPIRANTH.
  - Plant and flowers brown or yellowish-white. Flowers in a raceme.
    - Lip entire, not so long as the sepals . . . . . 3. CORALROOT.
    - Lip 2-cleft, longer than the sepals . . . . . 7. NEOTTIA.

Plant with 1, 2, or more green leaves.
- Perianth with a spur or pouch at the base of the lip . . . . 11. ORCHIS (*and*
- Perianth without any spur or pouch.* 12. HABENARIA.)
  - *Lip hanging, longer than the sepals, very narrow or divided into narrow lobes. Flowers yellowish-green.*
    - Stem with 2 opposite, broad leaves. Flowers pedicellate. Rootstock fibrous . . . . . 6. LISTERA.
    - Stem leafy at the base. Flowers sessile. Rootstock tuberous.
      - Sepals arching over the column. Lobes of the lip linear 13. ACERAS.
      - Sepals spreading. Lobes of the lip oblong . . . . . 15. OPHRYS.
  - *Lip hanging, very convex or large, brown or spotted.*
    - Flowers 1 or 2 only, very large. Lip inflated, above an inch long . . . . . 16. CYPRIPEDE.
    - Flowers several. Lip convex, not above half an inch long . 15. OPHRYS.
  - *Lip erect or spreading, not longer than the sepals, concave or flat.*
    - Flowers rather large, in a loose, leafy spike. Stem leafy, usually a foot high or more.
      - Flowers pedicellate, drooping . . . . . 4. EPIPACTIS.
      - Flowers sessile, erect . . . . . 5. CEPHALANTHERA.
    - Flowers small (white or greenish-yellow). Stem seldom above 6 inches high.
      - Flowers pedicellate, erect. Stem bulbous at the base.
        - Sepals broad-lanceolate, about 1 line long . . . . . 1. MALAXIS.
        - Sepals narrow-linear, full 2 lines long . . . . . 2. LIPARIS.
      - Flowers sessile, horizontal or drooping. Stem not bulbous.
        - Flowers greenish-yellow, all round the spike. Rootstock tuberous . . . . . 14. HERMINIUM.
        - Flowers greenish-white. Spike one-sided, straight. Rootstock creeping, fibrous . . . . . 10. GOODYERA.
        - Flowers white. Spike one-sided, spiral. Rootstock almost tuberous . . . . . 9. SPIRANTH.

* A single specimen has been occasionally found of species of *Orchis* and *Habenaria*, in which the flowers are all deformed, without any spur, but such instances are very rare.

I. **MALAXIS.** MALAXIS.

A single species, distinguished as a genus from *Liparis* by the proportion of the petals, and by the pollen-masses, which are club-shaped, in 2 pairs, both suspended from a gland which terminates the column.

1. **Bog Malaxis.** **Malaxis paludosa,** Sw.

(*Ophrys*, Eng. Bot. t. 72.)

A delicate plant, of 3 or 4 inches in height, the rootstock producing a small solid bulb out of the ground like many exotic epiphytes, and 3 or 4 ovate or oblong radical leaves. Flowers very small, of a greenish yellow, in a loose, slender raceme. Sepals ovate or broadly lanceolate, about a line long, two of them erect, the third turned down; pedicels similar, but not half the size, and spreading laterally. Lip erect, shorter than the sepals, but longer than the petals, ovate, concave at the base, where it embraces the very short column.

In spongy bogs, in northern Europe and Russian Asia, from the north of France to the Arctic regions, and in some mountain-districts in central Europe. Spread over the greater part of Britain, but very sparingly, and always difficult to find. *Fl. summer, rather late.*

II. **LIPARIS.** LIPARIS.

Delicate herbs, with radical leaves, and small, greenish-yellow flowers, in a terminal raceme. Sepals and petals nearly alike. Lip much broader, erect or spreading and entire. Column erect or curved, with a lid-like terminal anther; the 2 pairs of pollen-masses attached by their summits, but spreading laterally into the 2 anther-cells.

Besides the European species, the genus contains a considerable number from the warmer regions of both the new and the old world, several of them true epiphytes.

1. **Two-leaved Liparis.** **Liparis Loeselii,** Rich.

(*Ophrys*, Eng. Bot. t. 47. *Sturmia*, Bab. Man.)

The stock forms a small bulb for the following year by the side of the stem. Leaves 2, about half the length of the stem, narrow-oblong or broadly lanceolate, with a shorter outer sheath. Stem from 2 or 3 to near 6 inches high. Flowers from 3 or 4 to 8 or 10 in the raceme; the sepals and petals very narrow, about 2 lines long or rather more; the lip broadly ovate, erect at the base, turned back at the tip. Column much shorter.

In bogs and wet places, scattered over central Europe, from southern Scandinavia and western France to the Russian frontier. In Britain, only in Cambridgeshire and some of the neighbouring counties. *Fl. summer.*

III. **CORALROOT.** CORALLORHIZA.

Brown or yellowish herbs, without green leaves; the flowers in a loose terminal spike. Sepals and petals nearly alike, the lip larger, often with 2 lateral lobes and 2 projecting ridges on the surface. Column short, with a terminal lid-like anther, and 2 pairs of globular pollen-masses, attached horizontally.

Besides the European species, the genus comprises a small number from North America and eastern Asia.

1. Spurless Coralroot. Corallorhiza innata, Br.

(*Ophrys Corallorhiza*, Eng. Bot. t. 1547.)

A slender plant, 6 to 9 inches high, of a light brown or pale yellow colour, slightly tinged with green in the lower part, with a few short, sheathing scales instead of leaves; the rootstock forming a number of short, thick, fleshy, club-shaped fibres, densely interwoven, and nearly white. Flowers small, of a yellowish green; the sepals narrow-lanceolate, about 2 lines long; the petals rather shorter; the lip oblong, white, and hanging.

In moist woods, widely diffused over northern and central Europe, Russian Asia, and North America, extending from northern Italy to the Arctic regions. In Britain, only known in a few localities in Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

IV. **EPIPACTIS.** EPIPACTIS.

Herbs, with a leafy stem, and purple, brown, or whitish flowers, rarely tinged with red, in a loose raceme. Perianth spreading; the petals shorter than the sepals but otherwise similar; the lip free from the column, thick and concave at the base, the terminal portion broad and petal-like, with 2 protuberances at its base. Column short; the anthers terminal; the pollen very loosely cohering in the pollen-masses.

A small genus, ranging over the temperate regions of the northern hemisphere.

Raceme long and leafy. Flowers distant, dull green or purplish . . . 1. *Broad E.*
Raceme rather loose but short. Sepals pale purplish-green; the lip white, tinged with pink . . . . . 2. *Marsh E.*

1. Broad Epipactis. Epipactis latifolia, Sw.

(*Serapias*, Eng. Bot. t. 269, *E. purpurata*, Suppl. t. 2275, *E. ovalis*, Suppl. t. 2884. *E. media*, Bab. Man.)

Rootstock shortly creeping, with rather thick fibres. Stem usually 2 to 3 feet high. Leaves strongly ribbed; the lower ones ovate and stem-clasping; the upper ones narrower, lanceolate, and pointed, gradually passing into the linear bracts, of which the lower ones are often longer than the flowers. Flowers pendulous, in a long, one-sided raceme, varying in colour from green to a dingy purple. Sepals ovate-lanceolate, about 3 or 4 lines long. Petals rather smaller. Lip rather small, the lower portion very short.

In woods and shady places, dispersed over the whole of Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Not unfrequent in Britain, but often appearing only in single specimens. *Fl. summer, rather late.* The breadth of the upper leaves, and the precise form and proportions of the terminal lobe of the perianth-lip are liable to considerable variation, but the latter is always much smaller than in the *marsh E.*, and never white.

2. Marsh Epipactis. Epipactis palustris, Sw.

(*Serapias*, Eng. Bot. t. 270.)

Not so tall as the *broad E.*, the leaves narrower, usually lanceolate, and the bracts all shorter than the flowers. Racemes loose, but much closer than in the *broad E.* and not one-sided; the flowers larger, slightly droop-

ing. Sepals lanceolate, of a pale greenish-purple. Petals rather shorter, white, more or less streaked with pink at the base. Lip of the colour of the petals, but longer even than the sepals, distinctly divided into two portions, the lower one thick and half-clasping the column.

In moist and marshy places, especially in limestone districts, and near the sea, extending nearly all over Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Widely spread over Britain, and found in abundance in particular spots, yet not a common plant, and quite rare in Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

V. **CEPHALANTHERA.** CEPHALANTHERA.

Habit and foliage of *Epipactis*, but the flowers are sessile, erect, and usually larger, white or red, the petals and sepals not so spreading, the lip has no protuberances at the base of the upper portion, the column is longer, and the anther is shortly stalked.

A small European and north Asiatic genus, united by some with *Epipactis*, whilst others place it in a different tribe of *Orchids* on account of the slight difference in the position of the anther.

Flowers white or cream-coloured.
Leaves broad. Lower bracts longer than the flower, and all longer than the ovary . . . . . 1. *Large C.*
Leaves narrow. All the bracts shorter than the ovary . . . . . 2. *Narrow C.*
Flowers red . . . . . 3. *Purple C.*

1. **Large Cephalanthera. Cephalanthera grandiflora,** Bab.

(*Serapias*, Eng. Bot. t. 271. *Epipactis*, Brit. Fl.)

Rootstock fibrous. Stem 1 to 1½ feet high. Leaves prominently veined as in *Epipactis;* the lower ones broadly ovate, the upper ones rather broadly lanceolate. Flowers rather large, of a yellowish white or cream-coloured, in a loose, leafy spike, all the bracts being longer than the ovary, and the lower ones quite leaf-like and longer than the flowers. Sepals 6 to 8 or even 9 lines long, oblong, and usually obtuse, rather open. Petals rather shorter, close over the column. Lip small, of two distinct portions, the lower one embracing the column, the terminal one recurved at the tip.

In woods and thickets, in Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus, and northward to Denmark. In Britain, scattered over various parts of England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. early summer.*

2. **Narrow Cephalanthera. Cephalanthera ensifolia,** Rich.

(*Serapias*, Eng. Bot. t. 494. *Epipactis*, Brit. Fl.)

Very near the *large C.*, but the leaves are narrower, the lower ones broadly oblong, the upper ones long and narrow-lanceolate; the bracts very short, mostly 1 to 2 lines long, or the lowest rarely as long as the ovary. Flowers pure white; the sepals narrower and more pointed than in the *large C.*

Stations and geographical range the same as those of the *large C.* It is more scarce in Britain, but appears to be rather more common in southern and eastern Europe. *Fl. early summer.*

3. **Red Cephalanthera. Cephalanthera rubra,** Rich.

(*Serapias,* Eng. Bot. t. 437. *Epipactis*, Brit. Fl.)

Stature and foliage of the *narrow C.* Bracts rather longer but not so

long as in the *large C.* Ovaries and axis of the raceme minutely downy. Flowers rather larger than in the *narrow C.*, of a pink red, with a narrow, white lip.

Stations and geographical range of the last two species, and not uncommon in southern and eastern Europe. In Britain extremely rare, having been only seen by very few botanists in Gloucestershire, and possibly in one or two other counties of England. *Fl. summer.*

VI. **LISTERA.** LISTERA.

Herbs, with 2 leaves at some distance from the ground, placed so near together as to appear opposite, and small, green flowers in a slender raceme. Sepals broader than the petals, otherwise all nearly alike, short and spreading; the lip longer, linear, and 2-cleft. Anther fixed by its base in a cavity at the top of the short column; the pollen as in *Epipactis.*

A small European, north Asiatic, and North American genus, readily known among the small-flowered, spurless *Orchids* by the foliage.

Leaves ovate, narrowed at the base, 2 to 4 inches long . . . . . 1. *Twayblade L.*
Leaves broad or cordate at the base, not an inch long . . . . . 2. *Heart-leaved L.*

1. **Twayblade Listera.** **Listera ovata,** Br.

(*Ophrys*, Eng. Bot. t. 1548. *Twayblade.*)

The rootstock has a mass of clustered, thickish fibres, but not near so succulent as in the *Bird's-nest Neottia.* Stem 1 to near 1½ feet high, with 2 or 3 sheathing scales at the base, and at about 6 inches from the ground a pair of broadly ovate, green leaves, 2 to 4 inches long. Raceme rather long and slender. Sepals and petals about 1½ to near 2 lines long; the lip twice as long, ending in two linear lobes.

In moist pastures, and woods, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Frequent in Britain. *Fl. spring and summer.*

2. **Heart-leaved Listera.** **Listera cordata,** Br.

(*Ophrys*, Eng. Bot. t. 358.)

A much smaller and more slender plant than the *Twayblade L.*, usually about 6 inches high. Leaves seldom above ¾ inch long, very broad, and sometimes slightly cordate at the base. Flowers very small, in a short raceme; the lip linear, 2-cleft, with 2 minute teeth at its base.

On mountain heaths, in northern and Arctic Europe, Asia, and America, extending southward to the Alps and the Caucasus. In Britain, confined to Scotland, the north of England, and some parts of Ireland, where the stem is occasionally drawn up to two or three times its ordinary height. *Fl. summer.*

VII. **NEOTTIA.** NEOTTIA.

A genus of very few European and north Asiatic species, distinguished from *Listera* by the brown stems with sheathing scales instead of leaves, and by a rather longer column in the flower.

1. **Bird's-nest Neottia.** **Neottia Nidus-avis,** Linn.

(*Ophrys*, Eng. Bot. t. 48. *Listera*, Brit. Fl.)

The rootstock consists of a dense mass of thick, rather succulent fibres.

Stem a foot high or rather more, of a pale-brown colour, as well as the few loose sheathing scales which replace the leaves. Spike rather dense, 3 or 4 inches long, with a few distant flowers below it, all dingy-brown. Sepals broadly ovate, almost acute, about 2½ to 3 lines long; petals more rounded; lip twice as long, deeply cleft at the extremity into 2 oblong, diverging lobes.

In woods, dispersed over the whole of Europe, except the extreme north, extending eastward to the Caucasus, although never a very common plant. In Britain, it is found in many parts of England, Ireland, and southern and central Scotland. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

VIII. **EPIPOGIUM.** EPIPOGIUM.

A single species, leafless like *Coralroot* and *Neottia*, but with a very different spurred flower.

1. **Leafless Epipogium. Epipogium aphyllum,** Sw.

The rootstock produces a number of short, thick, fleshy branches, like those of the *Coralroot*. Stem about 6 inches high, of a pale colour, with a few short, sheathing bracts. Flowers 3 or 4 in the raceme, rather large, of a pale yellowish hue, pendulous, with the lip upwards. Sepals and petals narrow-lanceolate; lip large, ovate, somewhat concave, marked with raised dots on the surface, with an oblong lobe on each side at its base, and a thick, projecting spur underneath. Column short, with a shortly stalked terminal anther.

Among rotten leaves, in woods and shady places, scattered over Europe and central and Russian Asia, but everywhere very scarce. In Britain, discovered only a few years since at Tedstone Delamere, near Bromyard, in Herefordshire, by Mrs. W. A. Smith. *Fl. August.*

IX. **SPIRANTH.** SPIRANTHES.

Rootstock producing a few oblong tubers or thickish fibres. Stem leafy, or sometimes the flower-stems with scales only, and radical leaves by its side. Flowers small, in a more or less spirally-twisted spike. Sepals and petals nearly alike, erect or only spreading at the tips; the lateral sepals oblique, covering the base of the lip; the upper sepal cohering with the petals. Lip oblong, concave at the base, dilated and spreading at the extremity. Column arching, with the anther attached to the back.

An extensive genus, spread over the greater part of the globe, and readily known by the spirally twisted spikes.

Leaves radical, ovate, or oblong; the stems bearing short scales only . 1. *Common S.*
Leaves all narrow, near the base of the flowering stem.
  Spike 2 to 3 inches long, the flowers in one row . . . . . 2. *Summer S.*
  Spike dense, 1 to 1½ inches long, the flowers in three rows . . . . 3. *Irish S.*

1. **Common Spiranth. Spiranthes autumnalis,** Rich.

(*Ophrys*, Eng. Bot. t. 541. *Neottia*, Brit. Fl. *Lady's-tresses.*)

The rootstock produces every year 2 or 3 thick, oblong tubers, and a tuft of 3 or 4 broadly ovate or oblong, spreading radical leaves, seldom above an

inch long. Flowering stems by the side of the tuft of leaves, 6 to 8 inches high, green, with short, sheathing, pointed scales, very seldom growing out into very short, linear leaves. Flowers white, with a sweet smell of almonds, in a rather close spiral spike of about 2 inches, all diverging horizontally to one side, whilst the bracts remain erect on the opposite side.

On dry, hilly pastures, all over Europe, except the extreme north, extending eastward to the Caucasus. Abundant in most parts of England, but not further north than Westmoreland and Yorkshire, and occurs also in Ireland. *Fl. autumn.*

2. **Summer Spiranth. Spiranthes æstivalis,** Rich.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2817. *Neottia*, Brit. Fl.)

Rootstock more horizontal than in the *common S.*, with longer, more cylindrical tubers. Leaves radical, or on the flower-stem near the base, narrow-lanceolate or linear. Stem rather taller than in the *common S.*, and the flowers rather larger.

In bogs and marshes, chiefly in southern Europe, extending over the greater part of France, but scarcely into central Germany. The only known British stations are in a bog in the New Forest, in Hampshire, and in the Channel Islands. *Fl. late in summer.*

3. **Irish Spiranth. Spiranthes gemmipara,** Lindl.

(*Neottia*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2786. *S. cernua*, Bab. Man.)

Stem leafy, 4 to 6 inches high, often scarcely longer than the linear-lanceolate or narrow-oblong radical and lower leaves. Spike dense, from 1 to 1½ inches long; the flowers closely packed in 3 rows, and larger than in the *summer S.*; the ovary shorter, and the lip broader at the base.

In a bog at Bearhaven, near Castletown, in the county of Cork, in Ireland, the only station at present known. *Fl. August and September.* This very scarce species, only known from a small number of dried specimens, will require further comparison with the forms assumed in south-western Europe by the *summer S.* and its allies. At present it is a solitary instance of a species limited to the British Isles; for Dr. Lindley has shown that it was erroneously referred to the North American *S. cernua*, a plant which at first sight it very closely resembles.

X. **GOODYERA.** GOODYERA.

Very near to *Spiranth*, but the spike is not spiral, and the lip does not embrace the column, has no callosities at the base, and is contracted at the top into a recurved point.

The species are very few, all from the northern hemisphere, and generally from high latitudes.

1. **Creeping Goodyera. Goodyera repens,** Br.

(*Satyrium*, Eng. Bot. t. 289.)

Rootstock shortly creeping, with a few thick fibres. Flowering stems 6 inches to near a foot high, with a few ovate stalked leaves near the base. Spike one-sided as in the *common Spiranth*, but straight, with rather smaller flowers of a greenish white; the lateral sepals rather shorter, and more spreading than the upper sepal and the petals.

In moist woods, and forests, in northern and Arctic Europe, Asia, and America, extending into the higher mountain-chains of central Europe, the Caucasus and Altai. In Britain, confined to the Scotch Highlands. *Fl. end of summer.*

XI. **ORCHIS.** ORCHIS.

Rootstock producing each year a fleshy tuber by the side of the decaying one of the preceding year, the following year's stem shooting from the top of the new tuber. Stem leafy at the base, with a terminal spike of flowers, usually red or purple. Sepals and petals nearly equal. Lip turned downwards, usually 3 to 5-lobed, or much dilated at the extremity, and produced underneath at its base into a spur or pouch. Anther on the face of the column, with 2 erect cells converging together at the base, with an erect process, each cell containing a pollen-mass, contracted below into a short stalk, terminating in a gland.

A considerable genus, chiefly European and north Asiatic, with a very few North American species. The allied genus *Habenaria* is separated by technical characters so difficult for the beginner to appreciate, that the species of both genera are included in the following table.

Spur of the perianth very slender, and longer than the ovary.
- Flowers white, rather large, in a loose spike. Two leaves only at the base of the stem . . . . . 1. *Butterfly H.*
- Flowers usually red, rather small, in a dense spike. Leaves several, narrowed.
  - Tubers of the rootstock entire. Spike ovate or pyramidal, very dense . . . . . 9. *Pyramidal O.*
  - Tubers lobed or divided. Spike cylindrical, at length rather loose . . . . . 10. *Fragrant O.*

Spur from half the length to about the length of the ovary.
- Sepals all converging and arching over the column and petals in the form of a helmet. Tubers entire.
  - Flowers few, in a loose spike. Lip broadly and shortly 3-lobed . . . . . 1. *Green-winged O.*
  - Flowers numerous, in a dense or long spike. Lip with 2 lateral, smaller lobes, and a large 2-cleft middle one . . . 2. *Military O.*
- Sepals, at least the lateral ones, spreading. Petals, either alone or with the upper sepal, arching over the column.
  - Spike long or loose. Tubers entire.
    - Bracts 1-nerved. Upper sepal arching over the petals . . 4. *Early O.*
    - Bracts with several veins. All 3 sepals spreading . . . . 5. *Loose O.*
  - Spike dense. Tubers lobed.
    - Bracts shorter than the flowers. Lip irregularly 3-lobed . . 6. *Spotted O.*
    - Lower bracts longer than the flowers. Lip toothed or scarcely lobed . . . . . 7. *Marsh O.*

Spur exceedingly short, or reduced to a small pouch or cavity.
- Lip linear, 3-lobed, the middle lobe more than an inch long . . 8. *Lizard O.*
- Lip not above a quarter of an inch long.
  - Spike rather loose. Flowers green, rather small, with an oblong hanging lip, rather longer than the sepals . . . . 3. *Green H.*
  - Spike dense, with numerous small flowers, the lip not longer than the sepals.
    - Flowers purple before expanding. Lip white, 4-lobed (3-lobed, with a 2-cleft middle lobe) . . . . . 3. *Dwarf O.*
    - Flowers white. Sepals ovate. Lip 3-lobed . . . . . 2. *Small H.*
    - Flowers greenish-yellow. Sepals and petals very narrow. Lip 3-lobed . . . . . HERMINIUM.

1. **Green-winged Orchis. Orchis Morio,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2059.)

Rootstock-tubers entire. Stem seldom above 6 or 8 inches high, with a

few rather narrow, almost radical leaves, and 2 or 3 loose, sheathing scales higher up. Flowers about 6 to 8, in a loose spike. Bracts thin, and rather pink, about the length of the ovary. Sepals purplish, arching over the much smaller petals and column in the form of a helmet. Lip longer than the sepals, convex, broadly and shortly 3-lobed, of a pinkish purple, pale in the middle, with darker spots. Spur very obtuse, nearly as long as the ovary.

In meadows and pastures, very common in central and southern Europe, and temperate Russian Asia, rarer towards the north, although extending into southern Scandinavia. Abundant in Surrey, and some other parts of southern England, and Ireland, scarce in the rest of England, and wanting in Scotland. *Fl. early summer.*

2. **Military Orchis. Orchis militaris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 16, t. 1873, and Suppl. t. 2675. *O. purpurea* and *O. simia*, Bab. Man.)

A handsome species, 1 to 2 feet high, with entire tubers. Leaves in the lower part of the stem varying from broadly oval to oblong, usually 3 to 5 inches long. Flowers numerous, in a dense oblong spike, with short bracts. Sepals usually purple, converging over the petals and column in the shape of a helmet as in the *green-winged O.* Lip rather longer, of a pale colour, more or less spotted with purple, and 4-lobed, or, in other words, 3-lobed, with 2 lateral entire lobes and a third middle one more or less divided into 2, with a small tooth in the cleft or notch. Spur not half the length of the ovary.

In hilly pastures, and on borders of woods, dispersed over the greater part of temperate Europe and Russian Asia, chiefly in limestone districts, extending northwards to southern Scandinavia. In Britain, limited to the counties bordering on the Thames, from Berkshire downwards. *Fl. spring.* Among the numerous varieties observed, chiefly in the colour and precise form of the lip, the three following, often distinguished as species, have appeared in England:—1. *Brown O.* (*O. fusca*), with dark purple, rather obtuse sepals; the lip variegated with purple, its middle lobes broad and short. 2. *Monkey O.* (*O. tephrosanthos*, not precisely the same as the Continental variety so named), with pale purple, spotted flowers; the middle lobes of the lip long and narrow, like the lateral ones. 3. The true *military O.*, intermediate between the two others, approaching sometimes the one, sometimes the other.

3. **Dwarf Orchis. Orchis ustulata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 18.)

Rather a small species, seldom above 6 to 8 inches high, and remarkable for the dense spike of small flowers, the deep purple of the unexpanded ones giving it a burnt or scorched appearance. Tubers entire. Leaves few, oblong or lanceolate. Spike 1 to 2 inches long, with small bracts. Sepals deep purple, pointed, converging over the column and the very small, narrow petals. Lip white, with a few purple spots, 4-lobed, or, in other words, deeply 3-lobed, with 2 lateral lobes and the middle one divided into 2 spreading, obtuse, more or less notched lobes. Spur very short.

On dry, hilly, open pastures, in central and southern Europe, extending eastwards to the Caucasus, and northwards to southern Scandinavia. Occurs in many parts of England, but neither in Scotland nor in Ireland. *Fl. spring or early summer.*

4. **Early Orchis. Orchis mascula,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 631.)

Stem 1 to 1½ feet high, with numerous showy flowers, in a loose spike 3 to 6 inches long, varying from a bright pinkish-purple to flesh-colour or even white. Tubers entire. Leaves rather broad and often spotted. Bracts coloured, nearly as long as the ovary, with a single nerve. The upper sepal and petals converging over the ovary, but the lateral sepals spreading, or turned back. Lip scarcely longer than the sepals, often slightly downy in the centre, reflexed on each side, with 3 short lobes, the middle one the largest and more or less notched.

In moist woods, meadows, and shady places, in central and southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus and northward to southern Scandinavia. Generally distributed over Britain. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

5. **Loose Orchis. Orchis laxiflora,** Lam.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2828.)

Near the *early O.*, but the leaves are narrow-lanceolate or linear; the flowers rather larger, of a rich red, in a much looser spike; the bracts broader and always more veined; and the 3 sepals are spreading or reflexed, the petals alone converging over the column.

In moist meadows, common in southern Europe, extending into central Germany and over the greater part of France. In the British Isles, confined to Jersey and Guernsey. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

6. **Spotted Orchis. Orchis maculata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 632.)

Tubers rather flat, and divided into 2 or 3 finger-like lobes. Stem usually about a foot high. Leaves varying from nearly ovate to narrow-lanceolate, and often marked with dark spots. Flowers in a dense oblong spike, 2 or 3 inches long, usually of a rather pale pink, but varying much in depth of colour. Bracts marked with several veins, the lowest almost always longer than the ovary, the upper ones shorter. Sepals about 3 lines long, either all or the two lateral ones only spreading, whilst the petals arch over the column. Lip broadly orbicular, either flat or the sides reflexed, usually more or less toothed and irregularly 3-lobed, variously spotted or variegated with a deeper colour, the middle lobe usually small. Spur rather slender, a little shorter than the ovary.

In meadows, pastures, and open woods, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. spring and early summer.* It varies very much in the breadth of the leaves, the size of the bracts, the colour of the flower, and the shape of the lip, sometimes approaching very near to the *marsh O.*

7. **Marsh Orchis. Orchis latifolia,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2308.)

Very near the *spotted O.*, and by some botanists considered as a mere variety. It is usually more luxuriant, the stem more hollow, the leaves larger and not always spotted, the spike longer and more leafy, the lower bracts, and sometimes nearly all, as long as or longer than the flowers, the flowers are usually deeper-coloured and less variegated, the lip toothed only

or very obscurely 3-lobed, and the spur thicker; but these characters are none of them quite constant.

With the same geographical range as the *spotted O.*, it is usually found in moister situations or richer soils. Frequent in Britain, but not so abundant as the *spotted O.* *Fl. spring and early summer.* A variety with narrower leaves, more regularly tapering from the base, has been distinguished under the name of *O. incarnata.*

8. **Lizard Orchis. Orchis hircina,** Scop.

(*Satyrium*, Eng. Bot. t. 34.)

A stout species, 1 to 2 feet high, with entire tubers and a leafy stem. Spike dense, 4 to 6 or even 8 inches high; the flowers rather large, of a dirty greenish-white, with a disagreeable smell, and remarkable for their long, linear lip; the 2 lateral lobes short, the middle one more than an inch long, rolled inwards in the bud, entire or notched at the tip; the sepals converging over the column, and the petals small as in the *green-winged O.* and the *military O.*

Widely spread over central and southern Europe, but everywhere rather scarce, and often only in single specimens, not extending into northern Germany. In Britain, it has been found in Kent and Surrey, but not of late years. *Fl. summer.*

9. **Pyramidal Orchis. Orchis pyramidalis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 110.)

Tubers entire. Stem a foot high or rather more, with lanceolate leaves, usually narrow and pointed. Spike very dense, ovoid or oblong, 2 to 3 or even 4 inches long; the flowers not very large, but of a rich rose- or purplish-red, either scentless or with a disagreeable odour, and remarkable for their very slender spur, longer than the ovary, although that is long in proportion to the rest of the flower. Sepals lanceolate, spreading. Petals converging over the column. Lip broad, 3-lobed, the lobes equal or the middle one narrower.

On rather dry banks, and pastures, chiefly in limestone districts, in central and southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus and northward to Denmark. Abundant in several parts of England and Ireland, and occurs in a few localities in southern Scotland. *Fl. all summer.*

10. **Fragrant Orchis. Orchis conopsea,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 10. *Gymnadenia*, Brit. Fl.)

Tubers palmate as in the *spotted O.* Stem 1 to 2 feet high, with linear or narrow-lanceolate leaves. Spike oblong or cylindrical, not so dense as in the *pyramidal O.* Flowers much like those of that species, but rather smaller, sweet-scented, and the slender spur is still longer.

In heaths and pastures, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, especially in the north, extending to the Arctic regions; in the south of Europe more confined to mountain districts. Dispersed all over Britain, and very abundant in Scotland and Ireland. *Fl. all summer.* This and the two last species are occasionally removed to as many distinct genera on account of slight differences in the pollen-masses.

XII. **HABENARIA.** HABENARIA.

Foliage, inflorescence, and spurred flowers of *Orchis*, but the anther-cells, instead of converging at the base, are either parallel or more or less diverging.

An extensive genus, chiefly distributed over Asia and America. The table of species is included above in that of *Orchis*.

1. **Butterfly Habenaria. Habenaria bifolia,** Br.

(*Orchis*, Eng. Bot. t. 22, and Suppl. t. 2806.)

Tubers entire. Stem 1 to 1½ feet high, with 2 rather large leaves at its base, varying from broadly ovate to oblong; the outer leaves very few, and usually reduced to sheathing scales. Flowers pure white or with a slight greenish tinge, rather large, and sweet-scented, in a loose spike from 3 to 6 or 8 inches long, with lanceolate bracts about the length of the ovary. Two lateral sepals spreading, the upper one arching over the column with the petals. Lip linear and entire, rather longer than the sepals, and usually greenish at the tip. Spur slender, twice as long as the ovary.

In moist pastures, and meadows, on grassy slopes and open places in moist woods, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle. Generally distributed over Britain. *Fl. all summer.* It varies much in the breadth of the leaves as well as of the parts of the flower, and the extreme forms have been distinguished as species, the name of *H. chlorantha* being given to those in which the flowers are large, usually very white (although the name means 'green-flowered'), and the anther-cells much more broadly diverging at the base. But every intermediate may be observed between the broad and the narrow forms.

2. **Small Habenaria. Habenaria albida,** Br.

(*Satyrium*, Eng. Bot. t. 505. *Gymnadenia*, Bab. Man.)

In stature, and its small flowers with very short spurs, this species approaches the *dwarf Orchis*, but the flowers are white, and the anthers are more like those of *Habenaria* than of *Orchis*. The rootstock produces several thickened fibres, sometimes uniting into a deeply divided tuber. Stem 6 to 8 inches high, with a few oblong leaves. Spike dense, cylindrical, 1 to 2 inches long, with numerous small, sweet-scented flowers. Sepals concave, but open, scarcely above a line long; the lip about their length, with 3 entire lobes, the middle one the longest.

In mountain pastures, in northern and Arctic Europe, and in the great mountain-ranges of central Europe. Abundant in some of the Scotch Highlands, and extends into northern England, North Wales, and Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Green Habenaria. Habenaria viridis,** Br.

(*Satyrium*, Eng. Bot. t. 94.)

Tubers more or less lobed. Stem 6 to 8 inches high, with a few ovate or oblong leaves, and a rather close spike of yellowish-green flowers, rather larger than in the *small H.*, but with the same very short spur or pouch. Bracts usually longer than the ovary. Sepals converging over the column and petals, about 2½ or 3 lines long. Lip longer and hanging, oblong, with nearly parallel sides, and 3 or sometimes only 2 very short lobes at the tip.

In dry, hilly pastures, in Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions, but rather a mountain plant in the south. Fre-

quent in Scotland, northern England, and Ireland, less so in southern England. *Fl. summer.*

XIII. **ACERAS.** ACERAS.

Flowers and habit of an *Orchis,* except that there is no spur whatever to the lip.

A genus of very few species, from Europe, Asia, and northern Africa.

1. **Man Aceras. Aceras anthropophora,** Br.

(*Ophrys*, Eng. Bot. t. 29. *Man-Orchis.*)

A rather small species, seldom above 8 or 9 inches high, with entire tubers; the leaves varying from ovate to oblong or nearly lanceolate. Spike slender, 2 to 4 inches long. Flowers of a dull yellowish-green; the sepals converging over the column and petals as in the *lizard Orchis*, but very much smaller. Lip narrow-linear, twice as long as the sepals, and fancifully compared to a hanging man, two lateral lobes representing his arms, and the middle one, which is longer and 2-cleft, his body and legs.

In dry pastures, in southern Europe, more sparingly dispersed over western Germany and France. In Britain, only in the eastern counties of England. *Fl. early summer.*

XIV. **HERMINIUM.** HERMINIUM.

Small-flowered plants, nearly allied to *Orchis,* but the perianth has no spur, and the anther-cells are distant at their base, the glands of the stalks of the pollen-masses protruding below the cells.

A genus of very few species, from the high northern or alpine regions of Europe and Asia.

1. **Musk Herminium. Herminium Monorchis,** Br.

(*Ophrys*, Eng. Bot. t. 71. *Musk Orchis.*)

A slender plant, seldom above 6 inches high, with 2 or very seldom 3 oblong or lanceolate, radical leaves. Tubers nearly globular, like those of an *Orchis*, but the new one, instead of being produced close to the stem, is formed at the end of one of the fibres proceeding from the crown, thus forming a creeping rootstock. Spike slender, with numerous, small, yellowish-green flowers. Sepals erect or scarcely spreading, and narrow. Petals narrower and rather longer, instead of being shorter as in most British *Orchids.* Lip scarcely longer, erect, hollowed into a kind of pouch at the base, but not spurred, with 3 narrow, entire lobes.

In hilly pastures, in central, northern, and Arctic Europe and Russian Asia, and in the mountains of southern Europe. Very local in Britain, chiefly in the southern and eastern counties of England, and unknown in Scotland or Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

XV. **OPHRYS.** OPHRYS.

Habit, tubers, and foliage of an *Orchis,* but the flowers have no spur, and the lip is usually very convex, resembling more or less the body of

an insect. Anther-cells distant at the base, protruding below the rest of the anther in 2 distinct little pouches enclosing the glands of the pollen-masses.

A small genus, chiefly from the Mediterranean region, with a very few species spreading into central Europe. The forms assumed by the lip and its markings are so very variable that the accurate distinction of species, especially of the southern ones, is a matter of great doubt and difficulty.

Lip of the perianth as broad as long or nearly so, and scarcely longer than the sepals.
End lobe of the lip much turned under. Sepals usually pink . . . 1. *Bee O.*
Lip slightly lobed, the edges scarcely turned under. Sepals green . 2. *Spider O.*
Lip of the perianth oblong, considerably longer than the sepals . . . 3. *Fly O.*

1. **Bee Ophrys. Ophrys apifera,** Huds.

(Eng. Bot. t. 383, *O. arachnites*, Suppl. t. 2596.)

Tubers entire. Stem 9 to 18 inches high, with a few oblong or lanceolate leaves near the base, and from 3 to 6 rather large, distant flowers, in a long, loose spike, each with a bract at least as long as the ovary. Sepals ovate, pink, pale green, or white, but always tinged with pink, very spreading or reflexed. Petals smaller, usually narrow, nearly erect. Lip broad, very convex, of a rich velvety-brown, downy on the sides, smooth in the middle, and variously marked by paler lines or spots; the lobes small and all turned down, 2 lateral ones very downy, 3 terminal ones concealed under the lip, the middle one often again turned upwards, but very variable in length. Column erect, with a distinct curved beak above the anther.

In dry pastures, usually in limestone districts, in central and southern Europe, not further north than central Germany and Belgium. In Britain, chiefly in the southern and eastern counties of England, occurring more sparingly in other parts of England and in Ireland, but not in Scotland. *Fl. early summer.*

2. **Spider Ophrys. Ophrys aranifera,** Huds.

(Eng. Bot. t. 65, *O. fucifera*, Suppl. t. 2649.)

Much like the *bee O.*, but the sepals are green with less of pink, the petals very short, the beak of the column is straight, and the lip is broader, of a dull brown, variously marked with paler spots in the centre, convex as in the *bee O.*, but the edges obscurely or very shortly lobed, and either not turned under or but very slightly so.

In dry pastures, with nearly the same range as the *bee O.*, rather more common in southern Europe, less so northwards. Much more rare in England than the *bee O.*, and unknown in Ireland. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

3. **Fly Ophrys. Ophrys muscifera,** Huds.

(Eng. Bot. t. 64.)

A much more slender plant than the two preceding species, with narrow leaves, and a slender spike of 3 or 4 flowers. Sepals oblong or narrow-ovate, greenish. Petals very narrow-linear. Column short, without any beak. Lip much longer than the sepals, oblong, convex, of a purplish brown, with pale-blue or white marks in the centre; the 2 lateral lobes turned down, the central one larger, with a deep notch.

On dry pastures, in central Europe, extending further east than the two last species, but not near so common in the south. In Britain, spread over

a great part of England, and abundant in some of the eastern and south-eastern counties, and has been found in Ireland (Bab. Man.) but not in Scotland. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

XVI. **CYPRIPEDE.** CYPRIPEDIUM.

Rootstock fibrous. Leaves large. Flowers few, with a large inflated lip. Column terminating in a dilated, incurved, thickish, petal-like lobe, below which are 2 distinct anthers, one on each side.

A considerable and very distinct North American and Asiatic genus, with one species extending into western Europe.

1. **Slipper Cypripede. Cypripedium Calceolus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1. *Lady's-slipper.*)

Stem 1½ feet high, with large, ovate, pointed leaves, the upper ones lanceolate, and 1 or rarely 2 large showy flowers on long peduncles. Upper sepal opposite the lip, broadly lanceolate, 1½ inches long, a similar one (formed of the 2 lateral ones combined into one) under the lip; the 2 petals nearly as long, linear and spreading; all of a brown-purple. Lip very large and inflated, compared to a slipper, yellow varicgated with purple. Column very much shorter than the petals.

In woods, in Russian Asia and eastern Europe, almost to the Arctic Circle, more sparingly distributed over western Europe. In Britain, almost if not quite extinct, but was still found a few years since near Settle, in Yorkshire. *Fl. early summer.*

LXXXI. **THE IRIS FAMILY.** IRIDEÆ.

Perennial herbs, with a bulbous, tuberous, or shortly creeping rootstock, and leaves usually either radical or *equitant*, that is, arranged on opposite sides of the stem, and vertically, not horizontally flattened, opening towards the base in a sheath which embraces the stem. Perianth superior, with 6 petal-like segments. Stamens 3. Ovary inferior, 3-celled, with many ovules. Style 1, with 3 stigmas (or stigmatic lobes), sometimes dilated and petal-like or fringed.

A rather large family, widely spread over the globe, but particularly abundant in southern Africa and other dry sunny climates. It differs from the *Amaryllis* family in the number of stamens, and, in most cases, in the position of the leaves.

Leaves all radical, narrow-linear. Perianth-segments nearly equal, and regular.
- Perianth-tube very short. Stigmas deeply 2-cleft . . . . . 3. TRICHONEMA.
- Perianth-tube longer than the segments. Stigmas jagged or much divided . . . . . 4. CROCUS.

Leaves on the stem, equitant.
- Perianth with 3 outer large segments, and 3 inner small ones. Stigmas large and petal-like, arching over the stamens . . . 1. IRIS.
- Perianth with 6 nearly similar segments, but oblique, and arranged almost in two lips . . . . . 2. GLADIOLUS.

The *Ixias*, *Tigridias*, and many others of the smaller South African bulbs, formerly much more cultivated than they now are, belong to the *Iris* family.

I. **IRIS.** IRIS.

Rootstock thick and horizontal, or rarely bulbous. Leaves equitant. Flowers large and showy; the 3 outer perianth-segments large, spreading or reflexed; the 3 inner ones much smaller, and erect. Stigmas 3, enlarged, each with a petal-like appendage, which arches over the corresponding stamen and outer segment of the perianth.

A considerable genus, widely spread over the northern hemisphere.

Flowers bright yellow. Inner perianth-segments scarcely as long as the claw of the outer ones . . . . . 1. *Yellow I.*
Flowers violet-blue or yellowish-white. Inner segments two-thirds as long as the outer ones . . . . . 2. *Fetid I.*

Several continental European species are frequent in our flower-gardens, and occasionally escape into neighbouring waste places, especially the large-flowered *I. susiana* and *I. germanica*, the dwarf *I. pumila*, the bulbous-rooted *I. Xiphium* and *I. xiphioides*, the *I. tuberosa*, etc.

1. **Yellow Iris. Iris Pseudacorus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 578. *Yellow Flag.*)

Rootstock thick, horizontal, with numerous fibres. Stem about 2 feet high. Lower leaves often much longer, and 1 or 2 inches broad, stiff and erect, of a pale glaucous-green; the upper ones much shorter. Flowers 2 or 3, each proceeding from a sheathing bract, large, erect, of a bright yellow. Outer perianth-segments spreading, broadly ovate, full 2 inches long, contracted at the base into an erect, broad claw; inner segments oblong and erect, scarcely longer than the claws of the others. Petal-like stigmas rather longer than the inner segments, 2-cleft at the top, with a short, scale-like appendage inside at the base of the lobes. Capsule green, 2 to 3 inches long, with numerous pale-brown seeds.

In wet meadows, and marshes, and along watercourses throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Fetid Iris. Iris fœtidissima,** Linn.

(Eng Bot. t. 596. *Gladdon. Roastbeef-plant.*)

Not so large a plant as the *yellow I.*, the leaves narrower, one or two only overtopping the stem, and the whole plant of a deeper green, smelling disagreeably when bruised. Flowers rather smaller, several together, of a violet-blue or rarely pale-yellowish white. Outer perianth-segments narrow-ovate, the inner ones reaching to about two-thirds their length. Petal-like stigmas scarcely so long. Seeds bright orange or scarlet.

In woods and shady places, in southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus, and northward all over western France, but scarcely into eastern France or Germany. Abundant in many parts of southern England and Ireland, scarce or local in the north, and only a doubtful native of Scotland. *Fl. summer, commencing early.*

II. **GLADIOLUS.** GLADIOLUS.

Rootstock bulbous, the outer coating fibrous and more or less netted. Stems leafy, with a terminal, one-sided spike of flowers. Perianth oblique, the segments obovate or oblong, narrowed into a claw, and united in a tube at the base, the 3 upper ones and the 3 lower ones almost arranged in 2 lips. Stamens ascending under the uppermost segments. Stigmas 2, slightly expanded, and entire.

A numerous genus, chiefly South African, with a few species in the Mediterranean and Caucasian regions.

1. **Common Gladiolus. Gladiolus communis,** Linn.

Stem 1½ to near 2 feet high. Leaves linear-lanceolate, shorter than the stem. Spike of 4 to 6 or 8 red flowers, all turned to one side, and sessile between 2 lanceolate bracts. Perianth about 1½ inches long, the expanded part of the segments oblong-lanceolate, the uppermost broader and rather longer than the others. Anthers linear, shorter than their filaments. Capsule short, depressed at the top, with 3 prominent angles.

In meadows, woods, and grassy heaths, in central and southern Europe, not reaching nearer us on the Continent than the Loire and the Rhine. In Britain, recently observed in the New Forest, near Lyndhurst, among the Brakes, and believed to be indigenous, but possibly accidentally introduced. *Fl. early summer.* The true *Cornflag* (*G. segetum*), a cornfield weed, is a rather more southern species, differing chiefly in its larger flowers, with the anthers longer than their filaments.

III. **TRICHONEMA.** TRICHONEMA.

Small bulbous plants, with the foliage and flowers of *Crocus*, except that the perianth-tube is very short, and the short stigmas are deeply 2-cleft.

A genus of very few species, chiefly from the Mediterranean region.

1. **Common Trichonema. Trichonema Bulbocodium,** Sm.

(*Ixia*, Eng. Bot. t. 2549.)

Bulb small, with shining brown coats. Leaves very narrow and grass-like, spreading, 3 or 4 inches long, sheathing at the base. Flower-stalk not half so long, with a single erect terminal flower, almost sessile in a sheathing bract, and of a pale purplish-blue, with a yellow centre. Perianth near ¾ inch long, the segments half-spreading and rather pointed.

In heaths and sandy places, chiefly near the sea, nearly all round the Mediterranean, and up the western coasts of Europe, to the Channel Islands and Devonshire, where it is found in abundance at the Warren, near Dawlish. *Fl. spring.*

IV. **CROCUS.** CROCUS.

Rootstock bulbous, the outer coating fibrous, and more or less netted, or rarely remaining membranous. Leaves radical, narrow-linear. Flowers almost sessile among the leaves, with a very long tube, and a campanulate limb of 6 nearly equal segments. Stigmas dilated, and coloured at the top, and often cut or fringed, but not petal-like. Capsule buried among the leaves.

A small south European and west Asiatic genus, a few species extending

into central Europe, and several, long since cultivated for ornament, or for saffron collected from their stigmas, have established themselves in a few localities still further north.

Flowers in spring, with the leaves. Stigmas wedge-shaped, and slightly jagged . . . . . 1. *Spring C.*
Flowers in autumn, without leaves. Stigmas cut into a many-lobed fringe . . . . . 2. *Naked C.*

1. **Spring Crocus. Crocus vernus,** Willd.

(Eng. Bot. t. 344.)

Leaves enclosed at the base in a tube of 2 or 3 thin, scarious, sheathing scales. Flowers solitary within the leaves, of a bluish purple; the ovary sessile on the bulb, the long tube enclosed at the base in a sheath similar to that of the leaves. Stigmas of a rich-orange, dilated at the top, and slightly jagged, but not deeply fringed.

In meadows, in the hilly districts of central and southern Europe, not further north than central France. In Britain, apparently naturalized in the meadows about Nottingham, and other parts of central England, and in some parts of Ireland. *Fl. early spring.*

2. **Naked Crocus. Crocus nudiflorus,** Sm.

(Eng. Bot. t. 491.)

Flowers rather larger than in the *spring C.*, appearing after the leaves of the year have withered, and before those of the following year are developed. They somewhat resemble the flowers of the *common Colchicum*, but are readily distinguished by the 3, not 6, stamens. Tube very long, enclosed halfway up in the sheathing scales. Stigmas deeply cut into an elegant orange fringe or tassel.

In meadows and pastures, in south-western Europe, but not nearer to us than south-western France. Said, however, to be perfectly naturalized in the meadows about Nottingham, and in some other localities in central England. *Fl. autumn.*

LXXXII. AMARYLLIS FAMILY. AMARYLLIDEÆ.

Rootstock bulbous, except in a very few exotic genera. Leaves radical and parallel-veined. Perianth petal-like, with 6 segments. Stamens 6, the anthers turned inwards. Ovary inferior or adherent to the perianth-tube, 3-celled. Fruit a capsule, with several seeds, opening in 3 valves.

A large Order, widely distributed over the globe, chiefly in dry, sunny countries; differing from the *Lily* family in the inferior ovary, from the *Iris* family in the 6 stamens.

Perianth tubular at the base, the limb spreading, with a cup-shaped or tubular crown at the mouth of the tube . . . . . 1. NARCISSUS.
Perianth divided to the ovary, without any crown.
Three outer perianth-segments larger than the inner ones . . . . 2. SNOWDROP.
Perianth-segments all equal . . . . . 3. SNOWFLAKE.

Many of the most showy exotic bulbous plants grown in our gardens and planthouses belong to this family, including the genera *Amaryllis*, *Alstrœmeria*, *Crinum*, *Pancratium* (called *Guernsey Lily*, from an erro-

neous impression that it was indigenous in the Channel Islands), and others, besides the gigantic *Agave americana*, commonly called *Aloe*, but not a congener to the true *Aloes* of botanists, which are *Liliaceous* plants.

I. **NARCISSUS.** NARCISSUS.

Flowers either solitary or several together, from a terminal spatha. Perianth with a distinct tube above the ovary, and 6 usually spreading segments, with a cup-shaped or tubular, coloured crown at their base, round the orifice of the tube.

A well-defined and very natural genus, chiefly south European, not extending into Asia beyond the Caucasus, and probably containing but few real species, although some botanists, availing themselves of the most trifling characters, observed chiefly in cultivated varieties, have proposed the breaking it up into 15 or more genera, with above a hundred supposed species.

Flowers solitary, the crown broadly tubular, as long as the segments . . . . . 1. *Daffodil N.*
Flowers usually 2, the crown very short and concave . . . . . 2. *Two-flowered N.*

Several other cultivated species have occasionally established themselves for a time in the vicinity of gardens, particularly the *poet's N.* (*N. poeticus*, Eng. Bot. t. 275), from the Mediterranean region, which is near the *two-flowered N.*, but has usually a solitary flower, of a pure white, except the crown, which is yellow, often edged with orange or crimson.

1. **Daffodil Narcissus. Narcissus Pseudonarcissus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 17. *Daffodil. Daffy-down-dilly.*)

Bulb rather large. Leaves usually 2 or 3, seldom a foot long, from 4 to 6 lines broad, of a bluish green. Stem rather taller, with a single large, scentless, yellow flower. Perianth-tube about an inch long, wider at the top; the segments ovate or oblong, of the length of the tube; the crown very conspicuous, broadly tubular, often longer than the segments, and slightly 6-lobed, or waved at the edge.

In meadows and mountain pastures, dispersed over the greater part of temperate Europe, especially France and Spain. Abundant in many parts of England, but in several instances only as an escape from cultivation, as it soon establishes itself in great quantities in a meadow where it was once introduced; in Scotland and Ireland only where introduced. *Fl. early spring.* It varies much in the size and intensity of colour of the flower, and the relative size of the crown.

2. **Two-flowered Narcissus. Narcissus biflorus,** Curt.

(Eng. Bot. t. 276. *Primrose Peerless.*)

Much resembles the *Daffodil* in stature and foliage, except that it is rather stouter and taller. Flowers usually two together, of a pale straw-colour, or nearly white, and sweet-scented. Perianth-tube slender, about an inch long; the segments rather shorter, oval or oblong; the crown very short, concave or broadly cup-shaped, yellow, slightly crenate at the edge.

In meadows, in southern and western Europe, chiefly Spain and western France, the more eastern Mediterranean plant so called being probably a variety of the *poet's N.* In Britain, much cultivated in cottage gardens, and frequently established in their vicinity, but probably truly indigenous in Ireland, and some parts of western and southern England. *Fl. spring.*

II. **SNOWDROP.** GALANTHUS.

A single species, distinguished as a genus from *Snowflake* by the inner perianth-segments being shorter than the outer ones, and by the finely pointed anthers opening at the top only.

1. **Common Snowdrop. Galanthus nivalis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 19.)

Bulb rather small. Leaves 2 or rarely 3, narrow-linear, short at the time of flowering, but lengthening considerably afterwards. Stem 6 inches to near a foot high, with a single drooping, sweet-scented flower, shortly pedicellate above the terminal bract or spatha. Perianth-segments quite distinct down to the ovary, the 3 outer ones pure white, oblong, about 8 or 9 lines long, the 3 inner about half that length, and usually tipped with green.

In woods and shady pastures, in central and southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus and northward into central Germany. In Britain, probably not indigenous, but long cultivated in cottage gardens, and now perfectly naturalized in many parts of England, and here and there in Ireland and Scotland. *Fl. early spring.*

III. **SNOWFLAKE.** LEUCOIUM.

Flowers solitary or several together, from a terminal spatha. Perianth-segments 6, nearly equal, distinct down to the ovary or slightly cohering at the base. Anthers obtuse, opening in longitudinal slits.

A genus of very few species, chiefly south European, and distributed by some garden botanists into almost as many genera.

1. **Summer Snowflake. Leucoium æstivum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 621.)

Bulb larger than that of the *Snowdrop*. Leaves few, a foot long or more, like those of a *Narcissus*. Stem 1 to 1½ feet high, with a terminal cluster of 2 to 6 broadly bell-shaped flowers, on pedicels varying from 1 to 2 inches in length, arising from a sheathing bract or spatha. Perianth-segments ovate, about 6 lines long, of a pure white, with a short, sometimes greenish tip.

In meadows, in central and southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus, and northward rather further than the *Snowdrop*. Occurs in several of the south-eastern counties of England, with more probability of being really indigenous than in the case of the *Snowdrop*, and less frequently cultivated. *Fl. spring, rather late.*

LXXXIII. **THE YAM FAMILY.** DIOSCORIDEÆ.

Climbing plants, with tuberous or woody rootstocks, alternate leaves with netted veins between the ribs, and small, unisexual flowers. Perianth of 6 divisions. Stamens in the males 6. Ovary in the females inferior, 3-celled, with 1 to

3 ovules in each cell. Styles or stigmas 3. Seeds with a minute embryo in a hard albumen.

An Order consisting of but very few genera, but with a considerable number of species, dispersed over the warmer regions of the globe. They include the cultivated *Yams*, and several South African and Mexican plants introduced into our greenhouses as curiosities on account of their massive woody rootstocks, contrasted with the slender, climbing, annual stems.

I. **TAMUS.** TAMUS.

A single or perhaps two species, distinguished as a genus in the Order by the fruit, which is a berry, not a dry capsule.

1. **Common Tamus. Tamus communis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 91. *Black Bryony.*)

An elegant climber, twining to a considerable length over hedges and bushes, easily known by its bright, shining, heart-shaped leaves, with a tapering point, and sometimes almost 3-lobed but otherwise entire. Flowers small, of a yellowish-green; the males in slender racemes, often branched and longer than the leaves; the females in much shorter and closer racemes. Berries scarlet, often very numerous.

In hedges, open woods, and bushy places, in west-central and southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus, and northward only into southern and western Germany. Dispersed over nearly the whole of England, and common in some counties, but not found in Scotland or Ireland. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

LXXXIV. **THE LILY FAMILY.** LILIACEÆ.

Perennial herbs, with a creeping, bulbous, or clustered rootstock, and either radical leaves and peduncles, or annual, biennial, or, in a few exotic species, perennial, leafy flowering-stems. Flowers hermaphrodite or rarely unisexual. Perianth inferior, petal-like, with 6 divisions. Stamens 6. Ovary free, 3-celled, with several ovules or rarely only one ovule in each cell. Style single, with an entire or 3-parted stigma. Fruit a capsule or berry. In a very few cases the parts of the flower are reduced to 4, or increased to 8.

A large Order, widely distributed over every part of the globe, and supplying several of the most gorgeous ornaments of our flower-gardens. It is easily distinguished from the *Alisma* family by the carpels united into a single ovary and fruit, from the *Amaryllis* family by the free or superior ovary, from the *Rush* family by the petal-like, coloured perianth. It is usually divided into two or more Orders, variously circumscribed according as the character is taken from the foliage, the fruit, the seed, or the stock, none of which taken alone give a very natural demarcation. A more natural arrangement appears to be to preserve the whole as one large family, divided

into several suborders, of which the five enumerated below are represented in Britain.

Stem leafy.
- Stem branching. Fruit a berry.
  - Leaves short, subulate, and clustered. Flowers axillary . . 4. Asparagus.
  - Leaves ovate, stiff, and prickly. Flowers on the back of the leaves . . . . . 5. Ruscus.
- Stem simple.
  - *Fruit a berry.*
    - Leaves net-veined, in a single whorl of 4 or rarely 5 . . . 1. Paris.
    - Leaves parallel-veined.
      - Flowers axillary . . . . . 2. Solomon-seal.
      - Flowers in a terminal raceme . . . . . 3. Convallaria.
  - *Fruit a capsule.*
    - Rootstock not bulbous.
      - Flowers of a brownish white, panicled . . . . . 14. Simethis.
      - Flowers yellow, in a raceme or spike.
        - Style simple . . . . . 15. Narthecium.
        - Styles 3. Stigmas capitate . . . . . 16. Tofieldia.
        - Stigmas 3, sessile, feathery . . . . . Triglochin (p. 498).
    - Rootstock bulbous.
      - Flowers in a terminal umbel or head . . . . . 13. Allium.
      - Flowers solitary, or in a terminal raceme.
        - Perianth-segments spreading.
          - Perianth white, with pink stripes. Flowers usually solitary . . . . . 8. Lloydia.
          - Perianth yellow. Flowers in a corymb-like raceme . 9. Gagea.
        - Perianth-segments converging into a bell-shape.
          - Segments chequered, the inner ones with a cavity near the base . . . . . 6. Fritillary.
          - Segments not chequered, without any cavities . . 7. Tulip.

Stem leafless. Leaves all radical, sometimes sheathing the stem.
- Rootstock creeping. Fruit a berry . . . . . 3. Convallaria.
- Rootstock bulbous. Fruit a capsule.
  - Flowers radical, with a very long tube commencing underground . . . . . 17. Colchicum.
  - Flowers in a terminal umbel or head . . . . . 13. Allium.
  - Flowers in a terminal raceme.
    - Perianth of one piece, with 6 minute teeth . . . . . 12. Muscari.
    - Perianth of 6 segments.
      - Flowers blue or pink. (Filaments flattened or not.) . . 11. Squill.
      - Flowers white or greenish. Filaments flattened . . . 10. Ornithogalum.
      - Flowers yellow. Filaments not flattened . . . . . 9. Gagea.

The above Genera belong to the following Suborders:—

1. Trillideæ. Fruit a berry. Leaves with netted veins. Styles free. *Genus*:—1. Paris.

2. Convallarieæ. Fruit a berry. Leaves with parallel veins. Styles united. Testa of the seed membranous. *Genera*:—2. Solomon-seal; 3. Convallaria.

3. Asparageæ. Fruit a berry. Leaves with parallel veins. Styles united. Testa of the seed hard and black. *Genera*:—4. Asparagus; 5. Ruscus.

4. Lilieæ. Fruit a capsule. Styles united. *Genera*:—6. Fritillary; 7. Tulip; 8. Lloydia; 9. Gagea; 10. Ornithogalum; 11. Squill; 12. Muscari; 13. Allium; 14. Simethis; 15. Narthecium.

5. Colchiceæ. Fruit a capsule. Styles distinct. *Genera*:—16. Tofieldia; 17. Colchicum.

Among the exotic Genera most familiar by long or general cultivation may be mentioned the *Hyacinth*, *Asphodel*, *Yucca*, *Lily*, *Calochortus*, *Erythronium*, *Hemerocallis*, *Tuberose* (Polyanthus), *Agapanthus*, *Funckia*, etc. The *Pineapple* and some showy *Pourretias* and *Tillandsias*, occasionally seen in our hothouses, belong to the nearly allied family of *Bromeliaceæ*.

I. **PARIS.** PARIS.

Rootstock creeping. Stem simple, with a single whorl of netted-veined

leaves, and a single terminal flower. Perianth of 8 or rarely 10 narrow segments. Stamens as many. Ovary with 4 or rarely 5 cells, and as many distinct styles or stigmas.

A genus containing, besides the European species, only two or three Asiatic ones.

1. Common Paris. **Paris quadrifolia,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 7. *Herb-Paris.*)

Stem 9 inches to a foot high, with a whorl of 4 broadly-ovate or obovate leaves, 2 to 3 or 4 inches long. Peduncle rising to 1 or 2 inches above the leaves. Perianth of a yellowish-green colour; the 4 outer segments narrow-lanceolate, about an inch long; the 4 inner ones linear and rather more yellow. Anthers linear, on slender filaments. Berry of a bluish-black colour. Sometimes, but rarely, there is a fifth leaf, with the addition of a fifth to each of the parts of the flower.

In woods and shady places, dispersed over Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle, but not generally very common. Scattered over several parts of Britain, but usually very local. *Fl. spring or early summer.*

II. **SOLOMON-SEAL.** POLYGONATUM.

Stems annual, erect and leafy, with a thick horizontal rootstock. Leaves parallel-veined. Flowers axillary, drooping. Perianth tubular, shortly 6-cleft. Stamens 6, inserted in the perianth. Ovary 3-celled, with 2 ovules in each cell. Style slender, with an entire stigma. Fruit a small berry.

A small genus, spread over the northern hemisphere without the tropics, easily known by its foliage and inflorescence.

Leaves whorled, narrow . . . . . 1. *Whorled S.*
Leaves alternate.
Flowers usually several in each axil. Filaments hairy . . . . . 2. *Common S.*
Flowers 1 or rarely 2 in each axil. Filaments glabrous . . . . . 3. *Angular S.*

1. **Whorled Solomon-seal. Polygonatum verticillatum,** All.

(*Convallaria*, Eng. Bot. t. 128.)

Stem about 2 feet high. Leaves numerous, in whorls of 3, 4, or 5, narrow-lanceolate, 2 to 3 inches long, of a bright green. Flowers usually several in each axil, on short branching peduncles or rarely solitary. Perianth about 4 lines long, white, with greenish tips. Berries of a dark, nearly black blue, or red according to Koch.

In woods and shady places, in the mountain districts of Europe and central Asia, extending far into Scandinavia. Very rare in Britain, being only known from near Bellingham, in Northumberland, and near Dunkeld, in Perthshire. *Fl. June.*

2. **Common Solomon-seal. Polygonatum multiflorum,** All.

(*Convallaria*, Eng. Bot. t. 279.)

Stems near 2 feet high, erect or rather inclining to one side. Leaves alternate, ovate or oblong, 3 or 4 inches long, all usually turning to one side. Flowers 2 to 7 or 8 together, on short branching peduncles, usually turned to the lower side of the stem away from the leaves. Perianth 7 or 8 lines long, white, with greenish tips. Filaments and style hairy, all included within the perianth. Berries of a dark blue, or red according to Godron.

In woods and shady places, almost all over Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Occurs in several parts of England and southern Scotland, but not always truly indigenous, and not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. spring or early summer.*

3. **Angular Solomon-seal. Polygonatum officinale,** All.
(*Convallaria Polygonatum*, Eng. Bot. t. 280.)

Very near the *common S.*, but of smaller stature, seldom exceeding a foot in height; the flowers rather larger and especially thicker, solitary or two only in each axil, and the filaments of the stamens quite glabrous.

With nearly the same geographical range as the *common S.*, but generally in more open and rocky situations, and more common in the limestone districts of southern Europe. In Britain, more scarce, but undoubtedly wild in several localities in England and South Wales. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

III. **CONVALLARIA.** CONVALLARIA.

A single species, separated from *Solomon-seal* by the leafless flower-stem bearing a terminal raceme, and by the short bell-shaped perianth, with the stamens inserted near its base.

1. **Sweet Convallaria. Convallaria majalis,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1035. *Lily-of-the-Valley.*)

Rootstock creeping. Leaves radical, usually 2 together in a scaly sheath; their long footstalks enclosed one within the other so as to appear like a stem; the blade oblong, tapering at both ends, 4 to 6 inches long. Peduncle leafless, radical, shorter than the leaves. Flowers drooping, bell-shaped, of a pure white, and very sweet-scented, in a loose raceme. Berries globular, red.

In woods, dispersed over Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle, and very common in some localities, especially towards the centre and north, but totally wanting in other districts. Abundant in some counties of England, very local or wanting in others, and scarcely indigenous in Scotland or Ireland. *Fl. spring.*

The *two-leaved Smilacina* (*Smilacina bifolia* or *Maianthemum*), a small plant, with 2 leaves to the stem, and a terminal raceme of small flowers, very common on the continent of Europe, is said to have been found in one or two places in England, but probably only where it had been planted. The genus is distinguished from *Convallaria* by the perianth divided to the base, into 4 segments in the *two-leaved S.*, or into 6 in the few other North American, European, or Asiatic species.

IV. **ASPARAGUS.** ASPARAGUS.

Herbs, with a creeping, matted rootstock, and annual branching stems, with clusters of fine, short, subulate leaves (theoretically described as abortive pedicels), surrounded by short scarious scales (theoretically considered to be leaves or bracts). Flowers small, axillary. Perianth of 6 distinct segments. Stamens 6. Ovary 3-celled, with 2 ovules in each cell. Style single, with a 3-lobed stigma. Fruit a berry.

A considerable genus, chiefly African, with a few south European or Asiatic species, all readily known by the foliage.

1. **Common Asparagus. Asparagus officinalis,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 339.)

Stems erect and much branched, usually 1 to 2 feet high in the wild state, attaining 4 or 5 feet when cultivated, and elegantly feathered by the numerous clusters of fine subulate leaves, about half an inch long. Flowers small, of a greenish white, hanging on slender pedicels, 2 or 3 together in the axils of the principal branches, many of them with stamens only. Berries small, red, and globular.

In maritime sands, or in sandy plains, in central and western Asia, all round the Mediterranean, and up the western coasts of Europe to the English Channel. In Britain, confined to the western and south-western shores of England. *Fl. summer.*

V. **RUSCUS.** RUSCUS.

Shrub-like herbs, with a perennial rootstock, hard, green, branching stems, and alternate, stiff, evergreen, parallel-veined leaves (theoretically shown to be short leaf-like branches), with minute, often microscopical scales (the real leaves) underneath them. Flowers small, mostly unisexual, apparently sessile on the middle of the leaf. Perianth of 6 distinct segments. Stamens united in a tube, with 3 or 6 anthers. Ovary 3-celled, with 2 ovules in each cell. Style simple, with an undivided stigma. Fruit a berry.

A small European and North African genus, easily known among European *Monocotyledons* by its stiff, shrub-like habit.

1. **Common Ruscus. Ruscus aculeatus,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 560. *Butcher's Broom.*)

A rigid, dark green, much branched plant, 2 to 3 feet high; the stems said to be biennial, although apparently shrubby. Leaves numerous, ovate, all terminating in a prickly point. Flowers small and white, apparently sessile in the middle of what is really the upper surface of the leaf, though it is usually turned downwards by a twist of the leaf at its base; and a close examination will show that the flower is in fact borne on a pedicel arising from the axil of the leaf and closely adnate to the surface, with a minute bract under the flower. Berries red.

In woods and bushy places, in west central and southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus and northward to Belgium, but not into Germany. Abundant in some of the southern counties of England, but not truly wild in northern England, Scotland, or Ireland. *Fl. spring.*

VI. **FRITILLARY.** FRITILLARIA.

Bulbous herbs, with a leafy stem, and one or more rather long, drooping flowers in a terminal raceme. Perianth bell-shaped, with distinct segments as in *Tulip*, but the 3 inner segments have near their base a nectariferous cavity. Stamens inserted at the very base of the perianth, the anthers attached a little above their base. Capsule as in *Tulip*.

An elegant genus, chiefly North American and Asiatic, with 2 or 3 species extending into Europe.

1. **Common Fritillary. Fritillaria Meleagris,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 622. *Snake's-head.*)

Stem a foot high or rather more, with 3 or 4 linear or somewhat lanceolate leaves, and a single terminal drooping flower, usually of a dull red, marked inside with more highly coloured, chequered lines and spots; the segments oblong, narrowed at both ends, about 1½ inches long, the cavity of the inner ones oblong or linear.

In moist meadows, and pastures, and occasionally in woods, all across central Europe, from France and southern Scandinavia to the Caucasus, replaced in southern Europe by a closely allied species or variety. Occurs in several parts of England, but perhaps truly wild only in some of the southern and eastern counties, and not in Scotland or Ireland. *Fl. spring.* It varies occasionally with white or yellowish flowers.

VII. **TULIP.** TULIPA.

Bulbous herbs, with a leafy stem, and a single terminal flower (or very rarely two), usually large and erect when fully out. Perianth bell-shaped; the segments free from the base, without any depression in the centre. Stamens free from the perianth; the anthers erect, attached by their base. Capsule 3-celled, with several flattish horizontal seeds in each cell, their testa pale and thin.

A splendid genus, chiefly south European and west Asiatic, including the *Tulips* of our gardens, which are most of them varieties of the *T. Gesneriana.*

1. **Wild Tulip. Tulipa sylvestris,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 63.)

Stem about a foot high, with 1, 2, or rarely 3 linear-lanceolate leaves, and a single terminal yellow flower, drooping in the bud, nearly erect when fully out, and with a faint fragrant smell. Perianth-segments narrowed at the base and at the top, about 1½ inches long, the inner ones rather broader than the outer. Stamens about half as long, with a tuft of hairs at the base of the filaments.

In fields, pastures, and waste places, in central and southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus and northward to southern Scandinavia. Believed to be truly indigenous in some of the eastern counties of England, and occurs, as an introduced plant, in some other localities in England and Scotland. *Fl. spring.*

VIII. **LLOYDIA.** LLOYDIA.

A single species, with most of the technical characters of a *Tulip*, but with the small spreading perianth of the following genera.

1. **Mountain Lloydia. Lloydia serotina,** Reichenb.
(*Anthericum*, Eng. Bot. t. 793.)

Bulb small, with 2 or 3 almost filiform leaves, 3 or 4 inches long, and a

slender stem, about the same height, bearing 2 or 3 short narrow leaves and a single terminal white flower. Perianth-segments about 4 or 5 lines long, spreading, broadly oblong, marked inside with 3 longitudinal reddish lines, and a small yellow spot at their base. Stamens shorter than the perianth, and inserted at its very base.

In rocky mountains, in northern and Arctic Europe, Asia, and America, and in the high mountain-ranges of Europe, the Caucasus, and Altai. Very rare in Britain, and only in some of the higher mountains in North Wales. *Fl. June.*

IX. **GAGEA.** GAGEA.

Bulbous herbs, with 1 or 2 radical leaves, and a short stem, with a terminal raceme of yellow flowers flattened into a corymb, with a leaf-like green bract under each pedicel, and sometimes a leaf below the flowers. Perianth spreading, with distinct segments. Stamens inserted at their very base, with filiform, not flattened filaments. Seeds of *Ornithogalum.*

A small European and Asiatic genus, closely allied to *Ornithogalum*, with which it was formerly united, but distinguished by the stamens, the yellow flowers, and more leafy bracts.

1. **Yellow Gagea. Gagea lutea**, Ker.

(*Ornithogalum*, Eng. Bot. t. 21.)

Bulbs small, forming usually two new ones every year, one on each side of the old one. Leaves 1 or very rarely 2, linear, pointed and curved like those of a *Tulip*. Stem slender, rarely 6 inches high. Flowers 3 or 4, in a flat raceme, almost contracted into an umbel; the leaf-like bracts as long as the pedicels or longer. Perianth-segments about 6 lines long, very spreading, narrow-oblong, yellow, with a green back.

In meadows and fields, especially in sandy soils, over the greater part of Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Occurs in several parts of England, and the Lowlands of Scotland, but rarely, and not found in Ireland. *Fl. spring.* Continental botanists distinguish as species several forms, according as to whether there are 1, 2, or 3 bulbs at the time of flowering (if one only, it is the old bulb still remaining entire, the new ones commencing only, or not yet visible; if 3, the 2 new ones are fully formed, spreading out horizontally before the old one is absorbed; if 2, the old one is fully absorbed, leaving only a shrivelled stem between the 2 new ones), and some slight differences in the breadth, and obtuse or pointed ends of the perianth-segments, and it is probable that similar variations may be found in the British specimens.

X. **ORNITHOGALUM.** ORNITHOGALUM.

Bulbous herbs, with the leaves all radical, and not sheathing the stem. Flowers white or partly green, in a terminal raceme, with a scarious bract under each pedicel. Perianth very spreading, with distinct segments, remaining persistent after fading. Stamens almost free from the perianth, with flattened filaments. Seeds few, black, nearly globular.

A considerable genus, chiefly European, west Asiatic, and African, only

distinguished from *Squill* by the more persistent perianth, without any blue or pink in its colour.

Raceme flattened into a corymb, the lower pedicels much longer than the upper . . . . . 1. *Common O.*
Racemes elongated, the pedicels of nearly equal length.
Flowers few and large, the segments near an inch long . . . . . 2. *Drooping O.*
Flowers small and numerous, the segments about 4 lines long . . . 3. *Spiked O.*

1. **Common Ornithogalum. Ornithogalum umbellatum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 130. *Star-of-Bethlehem.*)

Bulbs ovoid, full of a clammy juice, like that of the *Bluebell*. Leaves long and narrow, weak and flaccid. Stem from a few inches to near a foot high. Raceme flattened into a corymb, the lower pedicels being lengthened so as to bring their flowers at least to the level of the inner ones. Perianth-segments very spreading, varying from 6 lines to near an inch in length, white, with a broad, green, central line outside.

In waste and cultivated places, in central and southern Europe, from France and southern Scandinavia, to the Caucasus. In Britain, not truly indigenous, but established as a weed in many parts of England. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

2. **Drooping Ornithogalum. Ornithogalum nutans,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1997.)

A handsome species, a foot high or more, with a raceme of 5 or 6 large nodding flowers on very short pedicels. Perianth-segments about an inch long, less spreading than in the other species, white within, green in the centre outside. Filaments very broad and petal-like.

In waste and cultivated places, in most parts of central and southern Europe, extending northwards to southern Scandinavia. In Britain, not indigenous, but said to be well established in some parts of England. *Fl. spring.*

3. **Spiked Ornithogalum. Ornithogalum pyrenaicum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 499.)

Bulb ovoid, with few long, linear leaves. Stem 1½ to 2 feet high, with a long raceme of small, greenish-white flowers, on slender pedicels varying from 3 to 6 lines in length, with a bract about as long under each one. Perianth-segments very spreading, about 4 lines long. Stamens rather shorter.

In woods and pastures, in western and southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus, and northward into Belgium, but only into southern Germany. Rare in Britain, but has been found in several of the southern counties of England. *Fl. early summer.*

XI. **SQUILL.** SCILLA.

Bulbous herbs, with radical leaves. Flowers usually blue or rarely pink, in a terminal raceme, sometimes flattened into a corymb. Perianth-segments deciduous, free or slightly cohering at the base, either spreading or forming a bell-shaped or tubular flower, and then spreading at the top only. Stamens inserted on the perianth, below the centre of the segments. Seeds of *Ornithogalum*.

A considerable genus, chiefly from the Mediterranean and Caucasian regions, distinguished from *Ornithogalum* chiefly by the colour of the flowers and deciduous perianth, from *Hyacinth* by the segments distinct from the base or very nearly so.

Flowers erect, the perianth-segments spreading.
Flowers in spring, with a bract under each pedicel . . . . . 1. *Spring S.*
Flowers in autumn, without bracts . . . . . 2. *Autumn S.*
Flowers nodding, narrow bell-shaped . . . . . 3. *Bluebell S.*

Two or three Mediterranean species, with corymbose racemes of bright-blue flowers, are frequently cultivated in our flower-gardens.

1. **Spring Squill. Scilla verna,** Huds.

(Eng. Bot. t. 23.)

A delicate little plant, with a small bulb, and narrow-linear leaves, 2 to 4 inches long. Flower-stem seldom 6 inches long, with several small, erect, blue flowers, in a short terminal raceme, almost flattened into a corymb, with a linear bract under each pedicel. Perianth-segments scarcely above 3 lines long, spreading, but not so much so as in *Ornithogalum*. Stamens inserted close to their base.

In stony and sandy wastes, and pastures, especially near the sea, in western Europe, reappearing further east in Denmark, on the Rhine, and in Sardinia. In Britain, it occurs at intervals, but in abundance on the east coast of Ireland, the western and northern coasts of Great Britain, the east of Scotland, and very locally in north-eastern England. *Fl. spring.*

2. **Autumn Squill. Scilla autumnalis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 78.)

Bulb rather larger than in the *spring S.* Flower-stems 6 to 9 inches high, or more when very luxuriant, appearing after the leaves have withered away. Flowers small, erect, of a pale violet-blue, or somewhat pink, in a raceme short at first, but which will lengthen out to 2 or even 3 inches, all the pedicels remaining of the same length, and without bracts. As the flowering advances, a tuft of leaves, similar to those of the *spring S.*, shoots out by the side of the stem for the following year.

In rocky wastes of southern Europe, from Spain to the Caucasus, extending northward into central France, and up the western coast to the English Channel, reappearing on the Rhine. In Britain, confined to some of the southern counties of England. *Fl. autumn.*

3. **Bluebell Squill. Scilla nutans,** Sm.

(Eng. Bot. t. 377. *Agraphis*, Brit. Fl. *Endymion*, Bab. Man. *Bluebell.*)

Bulb white, full of a clammy juice. Leaves linear, shorter than the flower-stem, 4 or 5 lines broad. Stem about a foot high, angular, with a terminal, one-sided raceme of drooping blue flowers, each with a small narrow bract at the base of the pedicel. Perianth about 6 lines long, almost tubular, the segments spreading at the top only, although distinct, or very shortly united at the very base. Stamens inserted above the base of the segments, but below the middle.

In woods, hedges, and shady places, in western Europe, from Spain to Britain, extending eastward only into central France, and here and there along the Mediterranean to Italy. Very abundant in Britain. *Fl. spring.* Originally placed in the genus *Hyacinth*, on account of the general form of

the perianth; it was removed to *Squill* as having the segments distinct or nearly so, and is now often considered as forming a distinct genus, either alone or with one or more of the intermediate species which connect it with the other *Squills*.

XII. **MUSCARI.** MUSCARI.

Bulbous herbs, with radical, linear leaves, and a terminal raceme of nodding flowers, usually blue or brown. Perianth globular or ovoid, contracted at the mouth, with 6 minute teeth.

A small genus, chiefly from the Mediterranean region and western Asia, separated from *Hyacinth* on account of the form of the perianth.

1. **Grape Muscari. Muscari racemosum,** Mill.

(*Hyacinthus*, Eng. Bot. t. 1931. *Grape Hyacinth.*)

Bulb rather large. Leaves narrow-linear, rather thick, but not stiff, from 6 inches to a foot, or when very luxuriant 1½ feet long. Stem usually shorter, with a close terminal raceme or head of small dark-blue flowers, looking almost like little berries; a few of the uppermost of a paler blue, erect, much narrower, and without stamens or pistil.

In cultivated and waste places, heaths and pastures, in central and southern Europe, extending eastwards to the Caucasus and northwards over a great part of Germany. In Britain, it occurs in several of the southern and eastern counties of England, but believed to be an introduced plant, having been formerly much cultivated in flower-gardens. *Fl. spring.*

XIII. **ALLIUM.** ALLIUM.

Bulbous herbs, with radical leaves, sometimes sheathing the stem to a considerable height. Flower-stem otherwise leafless, bearing a terminal umbel or head of flowers, surrounded by a spatha of 2 or 3 thin, whitish or scarious bracts. Perianth of 6 segments, distinct from the base, either spreading or bell-shaped. Stamens inserted on their base, either all alike or the 3 inner ones broad and 3-cleft; the middle lobe bearing the anther. Capsule with 1 or 2 black seeds in each cell.

An extensive genus, ranging over Europe, Africa, northern Asia, and North America. Most of the species possess the peculiar, well-known onion or garlic smell.

Leaves flat or keeled.
Umbels flat or conver, of few very white flowers. Leaves quite radical.
Leaves more than an inch broad, on long stalks . . . . . 7. *Broad A.*
Leaves not ½ inch broad, not stalked . . . . . 8. *Triquetrous A.*
Umbels nearly globular, with numerous purple or pale flowers (or bulbs). Leaves sheathing the stem at their base.
Leaves very narrow, and thick. Stamens all similar and entire . . . . . 3. *Field A.*
Leaves flat or keeled. Inner stamens broad and 3-cleft.
Stamens longer than the perianth. Umbels large, rarely with bulbs . . . . . 1. *Large A.*
Stamens not longer than the perianth. Umbels with bulbs amongst the flowers . . . . . 2. *Sand A.*

Leaves cylindrical or nearly so, very narrow. Umbels globular.
Stamens all similar and entire.
Flowers on long pedicels, usually intermixed with bulbs.
Spatha-bracts with long green points . . . . . 3. *Field A.*
Flowers in compact heads, without bulbs. Spatha-bracts short . . . . . 4. *Chive A.*
Three inner stamens flattened, and 3-cleft. Spatha-bracts short.
Flowers intermixed with bulbs . . . . . 6. *Crow A.*
Flowers without bulbs . . . . . 5. *Round-headed A.*

The genus comprises also the *Garlick* (*A. sativum*), the *Onion* (*A. Cepa*), the *Shallot* (*A. ascalonicum*), the *Leek* (*A. Porrum*, now believed to be a cultivated variety of the *large A.*), and a few species occasionally cultivated for ornament.

1. **Large Allium. Allium Ampeloprasum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1657.)

Stems 2 to 3 feet high. Leaves rather broadly linear, flat, but usually folded lengthwise and keeled underneath, from a few inches to above a foot long, their sheaths enclosing the lower part of the stem. Flowers very numerous, of a pale purple, on long pedicels, forming large globular heads, with a spatha of 1 or 2 bracts, often tapering into a green point, but shorter than the flowers. Perianth bell-shaped, 2 to 2½ lines long. Stamens protruding from the perianth, the 3 inner ones with flattened, 3-cleft filaments.

In cultivated and waste places, in southern Europe and western Asia. In Britain, indicated as an introduced plant in two or three spots in western England, and said to be more abundant in the Channel Islands, and in an island in Galway Bay, Ireland, but even there probably not indigenous. *Fl. summer.* The *A. Babingtonii*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2906, is a variety with sessile bulbs in the umbel in lieu of most of the flowers, and our garden *Leek* (*A. Porrum*) is now believed to be a cultivated variety of the same species.

2. **Sand Allium. Allium Scorodoprasum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2905.)

This has the flat leaves, short spatha, bell-shaped perianth, and flat, 3-cleft inner stamens of the *large A.;* but the umbel is usually smaller, seldom (if ever in this country) without bulbs, and the stamens are not longer than the perianth. It is also usually not so stout a plant, the bulb smaller, with the young offsets on slender stalks, and the umbel is occasionally reduced to a head of bulbs without any flowers.

In sandy pastures, and waste places, and occasionally in woods, scattered over northern and central Europe, but not an Arctic plant, and not common in the south. In Britain, chiefly in northern England, southern Scotland, and some parts of Ireland. *Fl. summer.* It may possibly prove to be a bulbiferous variety of the Continental *A. rotundum.*

3. **Field Allium. Allium oleraceum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 488, and *A. carinatum*, t. 1658.)

Stems 1 to 2 feet high, with a rather small bulb. Leaves narrow-linear, nearly flat, but rather thick, 1 to 1½ lines broad, their sheathing bases covering the stem a considerable way up. Spatha of 2 broad bracts, with long, green, linear points, one of which at least is much longer than the flowers. Umbel much looser than in the allied species; the flowers pale brown, on pedicels from ½ to above 1 inch long, always (in Britain) intermixed with bulbs. Filaments all simple, rather shorter than the perianth.

In cultivated and waste places, dispersed over all Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. In Britain, chiefly in southern England and Ireland. *Fl. summer.* In southern Europe it occurs occasionally without bulbs in the umbel. With us the umbel has often bulbs only, and then it is distinguished from the *crow A.* by the long points of the spatha-bracts.

4. **Chive Allium. Allium Schœnoprasum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2441, and *A. sibiricum*, Suppl. t. 2934. *Chives.*)

Stems about a foot high, often several together. Leaves very narrow, but cylindrical and hollow, only one of them sheathing the stem at its base. Umbel contracted into a dense globular head of rather large, purplish flowers, without bulbs. Spatha of 2, or sometimes 3, broad, coloured bracts, much shorter than the flowers. Perianth-segments 3 to 4 lines long, very pointed. Stamens all alike and simple, considerably shorter than the perianth.

In rocky pastures, throughout temperate and northern Europe and Russian Asia, and in the mountain districts of southern Europe. Rare in Britain, being only recorded with certainty from Northumberland and Cornwall, although indicated in a few other localities in northern England and southern Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

5. **Round-headed Allium. Allium sphærocephalum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2813.)

Stems 1 to 2 feet high. Leaves few and short, very narrow, nearly cylindrical, and hollow, their sheathing bases covering the lower half of the stem. Umbel globular, rather dense, with numerous purplish flowers, without bulbs. Spatha of 2 bracts, shorter than the flowers. Perianth about 2 lines long. Stamens usually longer than the perianth, the 3 inner filaments broad and 3-cleft.

In cultivated and waste places, in central and southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus and northward over a great part of Germany and Belgium. In Britain, confined to the neighbourhood of Bristol, and found also in the Channel Islands. *Fl. summer.*

6. **Crow Allium. Allium vineale,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1974.)

Very near the *round-headed A.*, and perhaps only the bulb-bearing form of that species. The stature, foliage, and flowers are the same, except that the perianth is usually much paler and greener, and the inner filaments are said to be rather more deeply cleft. The umbel always bears bulbs intermixed with the flowers, or bulbs only without flowers. In the latter case it is distinguished from the *field A.* most readily by the want of the long points to the spatha-leaves.

In cultivated and waste places, over the greater part of Europe, and more common in the north than the *round-headed A.*, extending far into Scandinavia. Frequent in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. early summer.*

7. **Broad Allium. Allium ursinum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 122. *Ramsons.*)

Readily distinguished by the thin, flat, spreading leaves, 6 to 8 inches long and above an inch broad, on long stalks, not sheathing the stem above-

ground. Flower-stem not a foot high, bearing a loose umbel of about a dozen white flowers; the spatha-braets usually falling off before the flower expands. Perianth-segments lanceolate, very spreading. Stamens shorter, all simple.

In woods and shady places, in central and southern Europe, extending all across Russian Asia, and northward to southern Scandinavia. Dispersed all over Britain, and in some places very abundant, but not everywhere common. *Fl. spring or early summer.*

8. **Triquetrous Allium. Allium triquetrum,** Linn.

Leaves broadly linear, flat but folded and keeled, only sheathing the stem at its very base, and sometimes very long. Flower-stem not a foot high, bearing a loose, slightly drooping umbel of rather large white flowers. Spatha-bracts short. Perianth-segments oblong, not spreading. Stamens about half their length, all simple.

In moist, shady places, in the Mediterranean region, from Spain to Greece, unknown in France except the extreme south, but said to be abundant in hedges all over the island of Guernsey. *Fl. May and June.*

XIV. **SIMETHIS.** SIMETHIS.

A single species, differing from all British capsular-fruited *Liliaceæ* except *Narthecium* in its rootstock not bulbous, and from *Narthecium* in its panicled flowers, deciduous perianth, and few seeds. It was formerly comprised in the exotic genus *Anthericum*, but has been isolated on account of a different habit, accompanied by slight differences in the stamens and the number of seeds.

1. **Variegated Simethis. Simethis bicolor,** Kunth.

(*S. planifolia*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2952.)

Rootstock short, with a tuft of thick fibrous roots. Leaves all radical, long, linear, and grass-like. Stem leafless, usually under a foot high, branching in the upper part, with a bract under each branch, the lowest bracts often linear and leaf-like. Flowers erect, in a loose terminal panicle. Perianth spreading, of 6 oblong segments, about 4 lines long, white inside, purplish outside, especially near the tip. Stamens shorter than the perianth-segments, inserted near their base, the filaments very woolly. Style entire. Capsule 3-valved, with 2 shining black seeds in each cell.

On heaths and open wastes, in the extreme west of Europe, from north-western Africa to Kerry, in Ireland, and in a single locality in England, near Bourne, in Dorsetshire, possibly introduced with the seeds of the *Pinaster*. *Fl. early summer.*

XV. **NARTHECIUM.** NARTHECIUM.

A single species, with the grass-like vertical leaves, simple racemes, and persistent yellow perianth of *Tofieldia*, but with the bearded filaments and simple style of *Simethis*, differing from both in its minute seeds, with a thread-like point at each end. The consistence of the perianth, firmer than in the generality of *Liliaceæ*, shows an approach to the *Rush* family, with which many botanists associate it.

1. **Bog Narthecium. Narthecium ossifragum,** Huds.
(Eng. Bot. t. 535. *Bog* or *Lancashire Asphodel.*)

Rootstock shortly creeping. Stem stiff and erect, 6 inches to a foot high or rarely more. Leaves shorter than the stem and near its base, linear, vertically flattened and sheathing at their base in two opposite ranks as in the *Iris* family; the upper ones reduced to short scales. Flowers in a stiff terminal raceme, of a bright yellow. Perianth-segments spreading, lanceolate and pointed, 3 or 4 lines long, green on the back and persistent as in *Ornithogalum.* Stamens rather shorter, their filaments covered with a white wool. Capsule very pointed, longer than the perianth.

In bogs, in western and central Europe, scarcely penetrating within the Russian frontier, and not an Arctic plant, but found also in North America; a rare instance of a species common to Europe and North America without extending over Asia. In Britain, abundant wherever there are bogs and wet moors. *Fl. summer.*

XVI. **TOFIELDIA.** TOFIELDIA.

Herbs, with creeping rootstocks, grass-like, chiefly radical leaves, vertically flattened and sheathing on opposite sides as in the *Iris* family, and small yellow flowers in terminal spikes. Perianth of 6 distinct segments, persistent round the capsule. Stamens inserted at their base. Ovary 3-lobed, with 3 distinct styles. Capsule small, 3-lobed, with several small, oblong, brown seeds.

A small genus, chiefly North-American, extending along the Andes to tropical America, and westward across northern Asia to Europe. In its free styles it shows some approach to *Triglochin* in the *Alisma* family.

1. **Marsh Tofieldia. Tofieldia palustris,** Huds.
(Eng. Bot. t. 536. *Scottish Asphodel.*)

Radical leaves an inch or rarely 1½ inches long. Flower-stem about 6 inches high, with one or two short leaves at its base, and terminated by a little globular or ovoid spike or head; the perianth not quite a line long. The very short pedicels are each in the axil of a minute bract, and within that bract is a still smaller 2-lobed or 3-lobed one, sometimes quite imperceptible, but never placed at the top of the pedicel as in the larger species which is common in central Europe.

In the bogs of northern Europe, Asia, and America, and of the great mountain-ranges of central Europe, but always at high latitudes or in alpine situations. Not uncommon in the mountains of Scotland, northern England, and Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

XVII. **COLCHICUM.** COLCHICUM.

Bulbous herbs, with radical leaves, and the large, almost radical, long-tubed flowers of *Crocus.* Stamens 6. Ovary underground, but within the tube of the perianth, not below it. Styles 3, very long and thread-like. Capsule 3-valved, with many seeds.

A small genus, chiefly Mediterranean and west Asiatic, with the habit of *Crocus,* but very different stamens, ovary, and styles.

1. Common Colchicum. Colchicum autumnale, Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 133. *Meadow-Saffron.*)

At the time of flowering there are no leaves; the brown bulb ending in a sheath of brown scales enclosing the base of the flowers, whose long tube rises to 3 or 4 inches aboveground, with 6 oblong segments of a reddish-purple or rarely white, and near 1½ inches long. Soon afterwards the leaves appear and attain in spring a length of 8 or 10 inches by about 1 or 1½ inches in breadth. The capsule is then raised to the surface of the ground by the lengthening of the peduncle, soon after which the leaves wither away.

In moist meadows, and pastures, over the greater part of Europe, but rare in the north, and scarcely extends into Asia. Very abundant in some parts of England and Ireland, rare in others, and a very doubtful inhabitant of Scotland. *Fl. autumn.*

LXXXV. THE RUSH FAMILY. JUNCACEÆ.

Herbs, usually stiff, with cylindrical or narrow and grass-like leaves, and small, herbaceous or dry flowers, in terminal or apparently lateral clusters or panicles. Perianth regular, dry, and calyx-like, of 6 segments. Stamens 6 or rarely 3 only, the anthers opening inwards. Styles single, with 3 stigmas. Capsule 1- or 3-celled, opening in 3 valves, with few or many small seeds.

A small family, abundantly spread over the whole surface of the globe, with almost all the technical characters of the *Lily* family except the consistence of the perianth, whilst the general aspect brings it nearer to the *Sedges* and the *Grasses.*

Capsule 3-celled, with many seeds. Leaves cylindrical, at least at their tips, or very rarely flat . . . . . 1. Rush.
Capsule 1-celled, with 3 seeds. Leaves flat and grass-like . . . . . 2. Woodrush.

I. RUSH. JUNCUS.

Leaves stiff and glabrous, cylindrical, at least at the tips, or grooved, or very rarely flat and grass-like. Flowers either distinct or in little clusters, usually arranged in irregular panicles; the branches very unequal in length, with a dry sheathing bract (like the glumes of *Sedges* and *Grasses*) under each ramification, cluster, or flower; the outer bract or bracts often ending in a long leaf-like point, in some species appearing like a continuation of the stem. Capsule 3-celled, with numerous small seeds.

The principal genus of the Order, and co-extensive in its geographical range. The species are almost all inhabitants of marshy, boggy, or wet ground, and several are almost cosmopolitan.

Stems quite leafless, except the brown sheathing scales at the base, which have no leafy tips. Flowers in a lateral cluster.
Stems soft and pliable.
Flowers very numerous. Perianth about 1 line long . . . 1. *Common R.*
Flowers few, about halfway up the stem. Perianth about 2 lines long . . . . . 3. *Thread R.*

Stems rigid.
Stems tufted, rather slender. Panicle loose. Perianth-segments very narrow . . . . . 2. *Hard R.*
Stems very stiff. Rootstock creeping. Panicle many-flowered. Perianth-segments nearly ovate . . . . 4. *Baltic R.*
Leaves (sometimes cylindrical and stem-like) either on the stem or under the panicle, or forming leafy tips to the sheathing-scales at the base of the stem.
Leaves cylindrical and hollow, but with internal cross partitions, which make them look jointed when dry.
Perianth-segments more or less pointed . . . . . 5. *Jointed R.*
Perianth-segments all obtuse . . . . . 6. *Obtuse R.*
Leaves and outer bracts cylindrical, very stiff, with prickly points.
Capsule much longer than the perianth . . . . . 12. *Sharp R.*
Capsule not longer than the perianth . . . . . 11. *Sea R.*
Leaves neither jointed nor prickly (usually channelled, or slender, or spreading).
Leaves all radical or nearly so (except the outer leaf-like bract), and much shorter than the stem.
Flowers not clustered, in a loose panicle . . . . . 8. *Heath R.*
Flowers in one or two terminal heads.
Heads solitary, with 2 to 4 flowers . . . . . 15. *Two-flowered R.*
Heads 1 or 2, with 6 to 8 flowers in each . . . . . 14. *Chestnut R.*
One or two leaves on the stem below the panicle.
Small annuals. Flowers pale-coloured.
Flowers distinct, in a much branched, leafy panicle, occupying the greater part of the plant . . . . . 9. *Toad R.*
Flowers collected in one or two terminal heads . . . 10. *Capitate R.*
Perennials. Flowers brown.
Flowers several, distinct, in a loose panicle. Outer bract short . . . . . 7. *Round-fruited R.*
Flowers very few on each stem, distinct. Outer bracts very long and slender . . . . . 13. *Highland R.*
Flowers 6 or 8 together in terminal heads . . . . . 14. *Chestnut R.*

These species are well distributed into two sections. In the one, comprising the ten first of the following species, the seeds are ovate or oblong, scarcely pointed. In the second section, to which belong the five last species (11 to 15), the testa of the seed is extended at each end into a little tail-like appendage.

1. **Common Rush. Juncus communis,** Mey.

(*J. conglomeratus*, Eng. Bot. t. 835, and *J. effusus*, t. 836.)

The shortly creeping matted rootstock bears dense tufts of cylindrical leafless stems, 2 to 3 feet high or even more, erect, but soft and pliable, sheathed at the base by a few brown scales. Some of these stems remain barren so as to resemble leaves; others bear, on one side, at 4 to 6 or 8 inches below the top, a densely clustered panicle of small green or brown flowers; the very numerous peduncles vary from a line or two to above an inch in length, the central smaller ones have but 2 or 3 flowers, the others a considerable number in irregular cymes. Perianth-segments about a line long, very pointed. Capsule about as long, very obtuse or even notched. Stamens usually 3 only.

In wet situations, almost all over the northern hemisphere and in many parts of the southern one. In Britain, one of the commonest species. *Fl. summer.* Two extreme forms are usually distinguished as species, the *dense-flowered R.* (*J. conglomeratus*), with the flowers densely packed in close clusters of about an inch diameter, usually brown; and the *loose-flowered R.* (*J. effusus*), with the panicles much looser, often 2 to 3 inches diameter, and paler-coloured; but every gradation may be observed between them in this respect, as well as in other more minute characters which have been assigned to them respectively.

2. **Hard Rush. Juncus glaucus,** Ehrh.

(Eng. Bot. t. 665. *J. diffusus*, Brit. Fl.)

Resembles the *common R.* in its main characters, but the stems are seldom 2 feet high, and although thinner, yet harder and stiffer, and often glaucous; the panicle but 2 or 3 inches below the top; the flowers rather larger, in a much looser and less branched panicle. Capsule of a shining brown, never flattened or hollowed at the top, but rounded or almost pointed. Stamens usually 6.

Spread over Europe and Russian Asia, but not quite so abundantly as the *common R.* Extends all over Britain. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Thread Rush. Juncus filiformis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1175.)

Stems as soft as in the *common R.*, but very slender, and seldom much above a foot high. Clusters of flowers small, usually not above halfway up the stem; the flowers few, much larger than in the *common R.*; the perianth-segments about 2 lines long. Capsule shorter, obtuse, with a short distinct style. Stamens usually 6.

In wet situations, in northern and central Europe and Russian Asia, and the mountain districts of southern Europe. In Britain, only known for certain on the margins of lakes in northern England. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Baltic Rush. Juncus balticus,** Willd.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2621.)

Rootstock more creeping than in any of the foregoing. Stems very stiff and hard, 1 to 2 feet high or more, often prickly at the end. Panicle lateral, more erect and much more dense than in the *glaucous R.*, the flowers larger, usually dark-brown. Perianth-segments broader and not so pointed, especially the inner ones, which are often quite obtuse. Capsule about the same length, obtuse, with a short style. Stamens 6.

Chiefly near the sea, at high northern latitudes, in Europe, Asia, and America. Spread all round the Baltic and along the eastern coasts of the North Sea. In Britain, only in the northern counties of Scotland. *Fl. summer.* It is probably a luxuriant variety of the *arctic R.* (*J. arcticus*), a common plant in the extreme north of Europe and Asia, and reappearing at great elevations in the mountain-ranges of central Europe.

5. **Jointed Rush. Juncus articulatus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 238, *J. lamprocarpus*, t. 2143, *J. uliginosus*, t. 801, *J. nigritellus*, Suppl. t. 2643. *J. acutiflorus*, Brit. Fl.)

An exceedingly variable species in habit and size, but readily known by its leaves, which sheath the stem below, and are cylindrical upwards, and hollow, but divided inside by cross partitions of pith, which give them, especially when dry, the appearance of being jointed. Flowers in little clusters of from 3 or 4 to 8 or 10 or more, arranged in more or less compound terminal panicles; the outer bracts, and sometimes one or two of the others, ending in a short, fine leaf. Perianth-segments about the size of those of the *common R.*, either all pointed or the inner ones obtuse. Capsule more or less pointed, varying from the length of the perianth to half as long again.

Throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions, and at high latitudes in North America. As abundant in

Britain as the *common R. Fl. all summer.* In rich, moist, deep soils the stems form dense tufts, 2 or 3 feet high, with loose, very compound, brown or green panicles 5 or 6 inches diameter. In dried-up sandy or muddy places the rootstock is more creeping, with ascending stems, from a few inches to a foot or more, with much less branched panicles of a rich brown. On the edges of ponds and watery ditches the stems will spread over the water, rooting in it at the joints, often covering it to a great extent with dense floating masses. At high elevations the stems are often short and erect, with small panicles of 4 or 5 clusters of dark-brown flowers.

6. **Obtuse Rush. Juncus obtusiflorus,** Ehrh.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2144.)

Probably to be added to the numerous varieties of the *jointed R.*, only differing from the common larger erect form in having all the segments of the perianth obtuse or nearly so, and about as long as the very pointed capsule.

Mixed with the *jointed R.* on the continent of Europe, and in some localities as common. Apparently rare in Britain. *Fl. summer.*

7. **Round-fruited Rush. Juncus compressus,** Jacq.

(*J. bulbosus*, Eng. Bot. t. 934, and *J. cœnosus*, Suppl. t. 2680.)

Stems 1 to 1½ feet high, erect and rather slender, slightly compressed at the base, with a few nearly radical leaves shorter than the stem, and one or two higher up, all very narrow and channelled or grooved. Flowers arranged singly or scarcely clustered, in a rather loose terminal panicle, of a shining brown. Perianth-segments obtuse, scarcely above a line long. Capsule as long or rather longer, with a short style.

In wet, marshy places, especially near the sea, in Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions. In Britain not so generally spread as some other *Rushes*, and rare in inland districts. *Fl. all summer.*

8. **Heath Rush. Juncus squarrosus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 933.)

Leaves all radical or nearly so, numerous at the base of each stem, and not half its length, very narrow, grooved, stiff, but spreading. Flower-stem usually under a foot high, rigid, with a terminal, compound but not much branched panicle. Flowers usually distinct, not clustered. Perianth-segments about 2 lines long, rather broad, of a glossy brown, with broad, scarious edges. Capsule about the same length.

On moors and heaths, in drier situations than most *Rushes*, in central and northern Europe and Asia, but scarcely an Arctic plant, although in southern Europe chiefly confined to mountain districts. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer.*

9. **Toad Rush. Juncus bufonius,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 802.)

A small, pale-coloured annual, with numerous stems, often forming dense tufts, from 1 or 2 to 6 or 8 inches high, branching and flowering almost from the base. Leaves chiefly radical, short and slender. Flowers solitary or rarely 2 or 3 together along the branches, with the lower bracts leaf-like but short. Perianth-segments narrow and pointed, above 2 lines long, of a

pale green, with searious edges, 3 outer ones louger than the 3 others. Capsule oblong, shorter than the perianth.

In wet plaees, widely spread over the greater part of the world. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. all summer.*

10. **Capitate Rush. Juncus capitatus,** Weig.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2644.)

A slender, tufted annual, 2 or 3 inehes high, resembling the smaller speeimens of the *toad R.*, but the flowers are smaller, collected in terminal clusters of 6 or 8, with very rarely a seeond or third cluster lower down. Stamens usually 3.

In sandy situations, in western and southern Europe, and again in the Netherlands, north Germany, and southern Seandinavia, but in central Europe scarcely eastward of the Rhine. In the British Isles only recorded from Jersey, but is not unlikely to be found in the southern eounties of England. *Fl. summer.*

11. **Sea Rush. Juncus maritimus,** Lam.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1725.)

Stems 2 to 3 feet high, in large tufts, very rigid, terminating in a prickly point, the sheathing scales at their base also terminating eaeh in a stiff, cylindrical, stem-like, prickly leaf, shorter than the real stems. Flowers rather numerous, in little elusters, forming a loose, irregularly compound panicle; the outer bract at its base ereet and nearly as long as or longer than the paniele, but more dilated at the base and looking less like a eontinuation of the stem than in the *common R.* Perianth-segments about 1½ lines long. Capsule rather shorter, or scareely longer.

In maritime sands, widely spread along the shores of the Atlantie, from North Ameriea and Europe far into the southern hemisphere, and along the Mediterranean to the Caspian Sea, but not penetrating far into the Baltic, and not an Arctic plant. Occurs on many parts of the English and Irish coasts, but rare in Seotland. *Fl. summer, rather late.*

12. **Sharp Rush. Juncus acutus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1614.)

Very uear the *sea R.*, but more rigid aud prickly, the flowers rather larger, not so numerous, in closer panicles, and usually browuer, and the stout capsule is considerably longer than the perianth-segments.

In maritime sands, along the shores of the Atlantie, and up the Mediterranean to the Caspian Sea, but not on those of the North Sea or the Baltie, nor yet reeorded from the southern hemisphere. Rather more frequent than the *sea R.* on the south-western coasts of England, South Wales, and Ireland, but does not appear to extend so far to the east or the north. *Fl. summer, rather early.*

13. **Highland Rush. Juncus trifidus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1482.)

Perennial stoek densely tufted, formed of a shortly erceping rootstock and the persistent bases of the numerous stems and closely sheathing brown scales. Stems slender, not 6 inches high, with 2 or 3 slender, filiform leaves or bracts in their upper part, 2 or 3 inches long, the 1 or 2 uppermost having at their base a single sessile flower or a eluster of 2 or 3. Perianth-segments very pointed, rather louger than the eapsule.

In rocky and gravelly situations, in northern and Arctic Europe and Asia, and in the higher mountains of central Europe. In Britain, only in the Highlands of Scotland, where it is frequent on stony summits. *Fl. summer.*

14. **Chestnut Rush. Juncus castaneus,** Sm.

(Eng. Bot. t. 900.)

The rootstock emits creeping runners. Stems 6 inches to a foot high, with a few rather short, grass-like, and channelled radical leaves, and 1 or 2 on the stem itself, all ending in a fine, nearly cylindrical tip. Flowers rather large, dark brown, in 1, 2, or 3 clusters at the top of the stem; the outer bract rather longer than the flowers. Perianth-segments pointed, nearly 2 lines long. Capsule oblong, brown and shining, often near twice the length of the perianth.

In wet, rocky places, in the mountains of northern Europe, Asia, and America, extending all round the Arctic Circle, and at great elevations in the principal mountain-chains of central Europe. In Britain, confined to the Scotch Highlands, where it is very local. *Fl. summer.*

15. **Two-flowered Rush. Juncus biglumis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 898, and *J. triglumis*, t. 899.)

Leaves radical, sheathing the base of the stem, short and grass-like. Stems tufted, 6 to 8 inches high, each with a single terminal cluster of 2, 3, or rarely 5 or 6 rather large, brown flowers; the outer bract seldom longer than the flowers. Perianth-segments obtuse, scarious on the edges, 1½ to 2 lines long. Capsule as long or longer, more or less obtuse.

In mountain bogs, in northern and Arctic Europe, Asia, and America, and at great elevations in the mountain-ranges of central Europe. In Britain, not unfrequent in the Scotch Highlands, extending into northern England and North Wales. *Fl. summer.* Two forms of this plant have been distinguished as species, the *two-flowered* variety (*J. biglumis*), chiefly Arctic, usually with only 2 flowers, a small leafy tip to the outer bract, and a short, very obtuse capsule; and the more common *three-flowered* variety (*J. triglumis*), with 3 or more flowers, no leafy tip to the bract, and a longer, less obtuse capsule; but each of these characters will be found to vary occasionally in the same tuft, and not always to correspond with each other. Both varieties occur in Scotland.

II. **WOODRUSH.** LUZULA.

Perennial herbs, differing from *Rush* in their softer, flatter, grass-like leaves, often fringed with a few long, white hairs, and especially in their capsules not divided into 3 cells, and containing no more than 3 much larger erect seeds.

A genus widely distributed over the northern hemisphere, usually in woods, meadows, and pastures, in drier situations than the *Rushes*.

Flowers panicled.
- Flowers single on each pedicel . . . . . 1. *Hairy W.*
- Flowers in clusters of 2, 3, or 4 on each pedicel.
  - Plant 2 or 3 feet high, with numerous flowers in a compound panicle . . . . . 2. *Great W.*
  - Alpine plant, not 6 inches high, with 3 or 4 small clusters of flowers 3. *Curved W.*

Flowers in compact, ovoid heads.
- Flower-heads 3 or 4, the outer ones pedicellate . . . . . 4. *Field W.*
- Flower-heads nearly sessile, forming a dense terminal spike . . . 5. *Spiked W.*

1. **Hairy Woodrush. Luzula pilosa,** Willd.

(*Juncus*, Eng. Bot. t. 736, and *J. Forsteri*, t. 1293. *L. Forsteri*, Brit. Fl. *L. Borreri*, Bab. Man.)

Stock branched and tufted, with creeping offsets. Stems slender and erect, 6 inches to a foot high. Leaves chiefly radical or near the base of the stem, linear and grass-like, 2 or 3 inches long, more or less fringed with long, white hairs. Flowers all distinct, or very rarely two together; the central one nearly sessile, the others on slender peduncles, either simple and 1-flowered or more or less branched, forming an irregular terminal panicle. Each flower has 2 or 3 scarious bracts or glumes at its base. Perianth-segments very pointed, of a shining brown. Capsule longer or scarcely shorter than the perianth. Seeds with a soft, loose, oblique or curved appendage at the top.

In woods and on banks, common in Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions, and in North America. Extends all over Britain. *Fl. spring.* It is usually divided into two species, *L. pilosa*, with the appendage of the seed decidedly curved, and *L. Forsteri*, with that appendage straight or nearly so, but the character is very variable, and does not correspond with the differences in habit which it is sometimes supposed to do.

2. **Great Woodrush. Luzula sylvatica,** Bichen.

(*Juncus*, Eng. Bot. t. 737.)

Easily known among British species by its large size; the stems attaining 1½ to 2 feet or more, and the leaves a breadth of 3 or 4 lines and a length of above a foot. Flowers in little clusters of 2 or 3, in a large, loose, compound panicle. Perianth rather smaller than in the *hairy W.*, the segments broader but with a fine point. Capsule nearly of the same length. Seeds without any appendage.

In woods, chiefly in hilly districts, in western, southern, and central Europe, as far as central Germany and western Scandinavia. Extends all over Britain. *Fl. early summer.*

3. **Curved Woodrush. Luzula arcuata,** Hook.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2688.)

A small species, seldom attaining 6 inches, with the leaves channelled almost as in *Rush*, and without the white hairs of our other *Woodrushes*. The panicle consists of 3 or 4 clusters or heads of 3 or 4 flowers each, about half the size of those of the *hairy W.*; the central cluster sessile, the others on rather long, slender, curved peduncles. Capsule nearly globular, shorter than the perianth. Seeds without any appendage.

A high northern species, frequent in Arctic Europe, Asia, and America. In Britain, only on the summits of the Cairngoram and Sutherland mountains in Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Field Woodrush. Luzula campestris,** Br.

(*Juncus*, Eng. Bot. t. 672, and *L. congesta*, Suppl. t. 2718. *L. multiflora*, Bab. Man.)

The foliage, stature, and white hairs are those of the *hairy W.*, but the flowers, instead of being single, are collected 6 or 8 or more together in close ovoid heads or clusters, of which from 3 to 6 form a small terminal

panicle; the central cluster sessile, the others on slender peduncles varying from a line or two to an inch in length. Perianth-segments very pointed, brown, with light-coloured shining edges, about 1½ lines long. Capsule shorter and obtuse.

In dry pastures, woods, and heaths, throughout the northern hemisphere without the tropics, and in some parts of the southern hemisphere. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. spring.* In some specimens the peduncles are so shortened as to give the inflorescence the appearance of that of the *spiked W.*, but the outer clusters are never quite sessile, and the perianth is always much larger than in the *spiked W.*

5. **Spiked Woodrush. Luzula spicata,** DC.

(*Juncus*, Eng. Bot. t. 1176.)

Rather smaller than the *field W.*, and the flowers considerably smaller (about ¾ line long), in dense clusters, all sessile, forming an ovoid or oblong terminal spike, ½ to near 1 inch long, and more or less drooping, the lowest 1 or 2 clusters often a little apart from the others, but always sessile within a short leafy bract.

An alpine species, common in northern and Arctic Europe, Asia, and America, and in the high mountain-ranges of central and southern Europe, the Caucasus, and Altai. Abundant in Scotland, very local in northern England and North Wales, and unknown in Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

LXXXVI. THE RESTIO FAMILY. RESTIACEÆ.

Herbs, differing from the *Rush* family in their unisexual flowers, and in their ovules and seeds always solitary in each cell of the ovary or capsule, and suspended from the top, not erect from the base as in *Woodrush.*

A considerable Order, comprising, besides the genus *Eriocaulon*, many Australian and South African genera, with a much more rush-like or sedge-like habit.

I. **ERIOCAULON.** ERIOCAULON.

Aquatic or marsh plants, with tufted leaves. Peduncles leafless, with a terminal globular head of minute flowers; the central ones chiefly males, the outer ones chiefly females; all intermixed with small bracts, of which the outer ones are rather larger, forming an involucre round the head. Perianth very delicate, of 4 or 6 segments, the 2 or 3 inner ones in the males united to near the summit. Stamens in the males as many or half as many as the perianth-segments. Capsule in the females 2- or 3-lobed, and 2- or 3-celled. Style single, with 2 or 3 stigmas.

A large genus, widely distributed over the globe, numerous in South America, and extending over that continent to the Arctic Circle, general in tropical Asia, Africa, and Australia, but wholly wanting in Russian Asia and Europe, with the exception of the single British station.

1. **Jointed Eriocaulon. Eriocaulon septangulare,** With.

(Eng. Bot. t. 733.)

The slender rootstock creeps in the mud under water, emitting numerous

white, jointed fibres, and tufts of linear, very pointed, soft and pellucid leaves, 1 to 3 inches long. Peduncles from a couple of inches to above a foot high, enclosed at the base in a long sheath. Flower-head 2 to 4 lines diameter, with very numerous minute flowers. Bracts and perianths of a leaden colour, tipped with a few minute chaff-like hairs. Perianth-segments 4, with a minute black gland on the 2 inner ones. Stamens in the males 4. Stigmas and lobes of the ovary in the females 2.

A North American species, abundant in the lakes of the isles of Skye, Coll, and a few of the neighbouring Hebrides, and of Connemara, in Ireland, but not elsewhere in Europe. *Fl. August.*

LXXXVII. **THE SEDGE FAMILY.** CYPERACEÆ.

Herbs, resembling in aspect the *Rushes*, or more frequently the *Grasses*, but usually stiffer than the latter, with solid stems, and the sheaths of the leaves closed all round. Flowers in little green or brown spikes, called *spikelets*, which are either solitary and terminal or several in a terminal (or apparently lateral), simple or compound cluster, spike, umbel, or panicle. Each spikelet is placed in the axil of a scale-like or leafy *outer bract*, and consists of several scale-like, imbricated bracts, called *glumes*, each containing in its axil one sessile flower. Perianth either none or replaced by a few bristles or minute scales. Stamens 3 or rarely 2. Ovary (in the same or in a distinct glume) simple, 1-celled, the style more or less deeply divided into 2 or 3 branches or linear stigmas. Fruit a small, seed-like nut, flattened when the style is 2-cleft, triangular when it is 3-cleft, containing a single seed.

A large family, abundantly distributed all over the globe, but more especially in moist situations or on the edges of waters. It is intermediate as it were between the *Rushes* and the *Grasses*, distinguished from the former by the absence of any regular perianth, from *Grasses* generally by the want of an inner scale or palea between the flower and the axis of the spikelets; by the simple, not feathery, branches of the style; besides that in most cases the two families are readily known by the sheath of the leaves closed round the stem in the *Sedges*, slit open on the side opposite to the blade in the *Grasses*. The glumes are also most frequently brown in the former, green or purplish in the latter.

Flowers unisexual, the stamens and ovaries under separate glumes, either in the same or in separate spikelets.
  Ovary enclosed in a little bottle-shaped *utricle*, the style protruding through a small aperture at the top . . . . . 9. CAREX.
  Ovary partially enclosed in 1 or 2 glume-like scales, open at the side . . . . . 8. KOBRESIA.
Flowers hermaphrodite, the stamens and ovaries under the same glume.
  Glumes in each spikelet arranged in two opposite rows.
    All the glumes in each spikelet, except one outer one, containing flowers. Spikelets many, in a compound umbel . . . 1. CYPERUS.
    Several of the lower glumes of each spikelet smaller and empty.
      Spikelets closely sessile, in compact terminal heads . . . 2. SCHŒNUS.

Glumes in each spikelet imbricated all round the axis.
Spikelets sessile, in a terminal spike, arranged in 2 opposite rows — 5. BLYSMUS.
Spikelets solitary, or in heads, clusters, umbels, or panicles.
Several of the lower glumes of each spikelet smaller and empty.
Only 2 or 3 flowers at the top of each spikelet.
Spikelets very numerous, in a compound panicle . . . . — 3. CLADIUM.
Spikelets few, in 1 or 2 terminal or pedunculate clusters . — 4. BEAKSEDGE.
All the glumes of the spikelet, excepting one outer larger one, containing flowers.
Hypogynous bristles (within the glume round the flowers) projecting far beyond the glumes and forming long cottony or silky tufts . . . . . — 7. COTTONSEDGE.
Hypogynous bristles shorter than the glumes or none . . — 6. SCIRPUS.

I. **CYPERUS.** CYPERUS.

Stems triangular, leafy at the base. Spikelets in clusters or heads, usually several together in a terminal, irregular, umbel-like panicle, with an involucre of one or more leaf-like outer bracts. Glumes several in each spikelet, regularly arranged in two opposite rows, all nearly equal, with one flower in each glume. Stamens and ovary under the same glume, without hypogynous bristles.

A very large tropical genus, represented by very few species in temperate regions, and quite disappearing in the extreme north and south. The regular arrangement of the glumes gives the spikelets a flattened appearance readily recognized.

Stem above a foot high. Spikelets numerous. Involucral leaves very long . . . . . 1. *Sweet C.*
Stem less than a foot high. Spikelets in a small cluster. Involucral leaves not above 3 inches . . . . . 2. *Brown C.*

1. **Sweet Cyperus. Cyperus longus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1309. *Galingale.*)

Rootstock creeping. Stem stout, 1 to 3 or even 4 feet high, with a few leaves at the base, usually shorter than the stem. Involucre of about 3 leaves, very unequal in length, the longest often attaining a foot or more. Umbel simple or compound, the central ray very short, the others varying from 1 to 2 or even 3 inches, each bearing a simple or branched cluster of 6 to 12 or more spikelets: these are linear, pointed, flattened, about half an inch long. Glumes numerous, obtuse, of a bright chestnut-colour, with a green keel. Styles 3-cleft.

In wet meadows, and pastures, common in southern Europe and central Asia, extending more sparingly into central France, and along the western provinces to the Channel. In Britain, very local and only in some of the southern counties of England. *Fl. summer, rather late.*

2. **Brown Cyperus. Cyperus fuscus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2626.)

A much smaller plant than the last, forming grass-like tufts a few inches in height, or very rarely nearly a foot. Leaves shorter than the stem, those of the involucre unequal, the longest from 2 to 4 inches. Clusters compact, either in a small terminal head or in an umbel, of which the longest rays are under an inch. Spikelets much flattened, obtuse, not above 3 lines long, with dark-brown glumes, not near so closely imbricated as in the *sweet C.*

In meadows and waste places, widely distributed over central and southern Europe and across Russian Asia, extending northward to southern

Scandinavia. In Britain, only in two localities in Middlesex and Surrey. *Fl. late in summer.*

II. **SCHŒNUS.** SCHŒNUS.

Herbs, usually stiff and rush-like. Glumes arranged, as in *Cyperus*, in two opposite rows, but not more than 4 of the uppermost have flowers in their axils, the 3 or 4 lower ones rather shorter and always empty. There are also occasionally from 3 to 6 minute bristles round the ovary.

A small genus, of which most of the species are from the southern hemisphere.

1. **Black Schœnus. Schœnus nigricans,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1121. *Bog-rush.*)

A tufted perennial, with stiff, rush-like stems, about a foot high. Leaves short and stiff, almost radical, their sheaths often of a dark, shining brown. Spikelets several, of a dark, shining brown, almost black, closely sessile, in compact terminal heads, about half an inch in diameter, with an involucre of 2 or 3 broad, brown bracts, one of which at least has a stiff, erect, leaf-like point ½ to 1 inch long. Glumes near 3 lines long, pointed, with a prominent keel, and rough on the edge.

In bogs and marshes, chiefly near the sea, in central and southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus, and northward to the Baltic. Spread over a great part of Britain, but chiefly in the west. *Fl. summer.*

III. **CLADIUM.** CLADIUM.

A single species, distinguished from *Beaksedge* chiefly on account of the thick texture of the fruit. Its habit is very different from that of our *Beaksedges*, but comes very near to that of some exotic species of that genus.

1. **Prickly Cladium. Cladium Mariscus,** Br.

(*Schœnus*, Eng. Bot. t. 950.)

A tall, rush-like plant, with a creeping rootstock, and leafy stems, 3 to 6 feet high. Leaves nearly erect, the lowest nearly as long as the stem, smooth and sheathing at the base, then keeled, and ending in a long, triangular point; the keel and edges very rough and cutting, being bordered by minute, sharp teeth. Spikelets of a pale brown, in small but very numerous clusters, arranged in somewhat corymbose panicles in the upper axils, the whole forming a terminal, more or less leafy, oblong panicle, often above a foot long. Each spikelet is 2 or 3 lines long, rather pointed, with the glumes imbricated all round the axis, containing usually one perfect flower in the innermost glume, an incomplete one in the next, the 4 or 5 outer glumes gradually shorter and always empty. Stamens usually 2. Nut tapering at the top, the outer coating thick and fleshy when fresh, brittle when dry.

In deep bogs and marshy places, in most temperate and some tropical regions of the globe, extending northward in Europe to southern Scandinavia. In Britain, thinly scattered over England and Ireland, and very local in Scotland. *Fl. late in summer.*

IV. **BEAKSEDGE.** RHYNCHOSPORA.

Spikelets several, in one or more clusters, forming terminal or axillary heads or panicles. Each spikelet oblong, more or less pointed; the glumes imbricated all round the axis, 1 to 3 of the upper or inner ones containing each a flower, the lower or outer ones shorter and empty. Stamens 3 or rarely 2. Hypogynous bristles 6 or sometimes more, shorter than the glumes. Nut globular or laterally flattened, tapering into a 2-cleft style.

A considerable genus, widely dispersed over the surface of the globe, formerly united with *Schœnus*, but well distinguished by the glumes imbricated all round the axis, not arranged in two opposite rows.

Spikelets brown. Outer bract projecting an inch beyond the flowers . 1. *Brown B.*
Spikelets white. Outer bract shorter or scarcely longer than the flowers . . . . . 2. *White B.*

1. **Brown Beaksedge. Rhynchospora fusca,** Sm.

(*Schœnus*, Eng. Bot. t. 1575, *not good.*)

Near the *white B.*, but rather firmer, with a creeping rootstock. Stem 6 to 10 inches, with few short, erect, subulate leaves; the floral ones or bracts projecting an inch or more beyond the flowers. Spikelets brown, usually forming two rather loose clusters, one terminal, the other on a slender pedicel in the axil of the next leaf; each spikelet about 2½ lines long, containing usually 2 flowers, with 3 or 4 empty outer glumes. Hypogynous bristles about 6, small and very unequal.

In bogs, chiefly in northern and western Europe, in the mountains of central Europe, and in North America. In Britain, confined to southern and western England and Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

2. **White Beaksedge. Rhynchospora alba,** Vahl.

(*Schœnus*, Eng. Bot. t. 985.)

Stems 6 to 9 inches high, slender, forming dense, grass-like tufts, without any creeping rootstock. Leaves chiefly radical, short and subulate; the floral bracts scarcely exceeding the flowers. Spikelets nearly white, in a small, loose terminal cluster, often with one or two smaller clusters on slender peduncles in the axils of the next leaves. Each spikelet 2 to 2½ lines long, with 1 or 2 flowers, and 2, 3, or 4 empty glumes below them. Hypogynous bristles about 12, more apparent than in the *brown B.*, being usually rather longer than the nut, although shorter than the glume.

In bogs, in northern and central Europe, northern Asia, and North America. Generally distributed over Britain. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

V. **BLYSMUS.** BLYSMUS.

Spikelets and flowers of *Scirpus*, but the spikelets are sessile, in two opposite rows, along the axis of a short terminal spike.

A genus limited to the two European species.

Spikelets chestnut-brown, 6- to 8-flowered, and longer than the glume-like bract at their base . . . . . 1. *Broad B.*
Spikelets dark-brown, 2- to 4-flowered, almost enclosed in the long, glume-like bract at their base . . . . . 2. *Narrow B.*

1. **Broad Blysmus. Blysmus compressus,** Panz.
(*Schœnus*, Eng. Bot. t. 791.)

Stems 6 to 8 inches high, with a creeping rootstock. Leaves much like those of the common *carnation Carex*, shorter than the stem, 1 to 1½ lines broad, flat or keeled. Spike terminal, about an inch long, consisting of about 10 or 12 oblong spikelets, closely sessile on opposite sides of the axis, each one about 3 lines long; the broad, brown, glume-like outer bract shorter than the mature spikelet. Glumes about 8, imbricated all round the axis of the spikelet, the lowest one of all often empty. Stamens usually 3, with 3 to 6 small hypogynous bristles. Nut somewhat flattened, tapering into the 2-cleft style.

In bogs and marshes, in Europe and Russian Asia, not extending to the extreme north, and yet a mountain plant in southern Europe and the Caucasus. Occurs in many parts of England and possibly in southern Scotland, but the following species, or the *black Schœnus*, have often been mistaken for it. Not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Narrow Blysmus. Blysmus rufus,** Link.
(*Schœnus*, Eng. Bot. t. 1010.)

Stems 6 inches to near a foot high, rather stiff but slender, with a few very narrow leaves near the base, shorter than the stem, erect and channelled or nearly cylindrical. Spike terminal, 6 to 9 lines long, consisting of about 6 sessile spikelets, of a dark, shining brown, almost black, each containing only 2 to 4 flowers, and almost concealed by the outer bract, which is dark brown, thin, and shining, about 3 lines long. Glumes of the spikelet imbricated all round the axis, the lowest one often empty. Stamens 3; the hypogynous bristles minute or wanting. Nut rather larger than in the *broad B.*

In marshy places, especially near the sea, in northern Europe and all across Russian Asia, extending from northern Germany nearly to the Arctic Circle. In Britain, particularly abundant in Scotland and northern England, descending along the west coast of England, and not uncommon in Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

VI. **SCIRPUS.** SCIRPUS.

Spikelets either solitary and terminal or several together, forming one or more heads or clusters, or an irregular panicle, either terminal or apparently below the top of the stem. Glumes several in each spikelet, imbricated all round the axis, all containing a perfect flower in their axil except sometimes the lowest one. Hypogynous bristles either 6 or fewer and shorter than the glume, or altogether wanting.

A large genus, widely distributed over the whole world, and, like other large genera of *Sedges*, containing species very unlike each other in general habit. It has been repeatedly endeavoured to divide it into several, with characters derived from the hypogynous bristles, the shape of the base of the style, the number of its parts, etc., but the smaller groups so formed still include species as unlike each other as those of the original genus, whilst species closely resembling each other in every other respect have become widely separated. The genus is therefore here retained in its integrity, distinguished from *Beaksedge* by the glumes all bearing flowers except the

lowest, from *Cyperus* by the arrangement of the glumes, and from *Blysmus* by the arrangement of the spikelets.

Spikelets solitary on each stem.
- Stems branched, leafy, floating in water or in matted tufts on its edge . . . . . 6. *Floating S.*
- Stems simple, erect or ascending.
  - *Outer bract of the spikelet without any leafy tip.*
    - Stems very slender, not 2 inches high. Styles 2-cleft . . . 1. *Needle S.*
    - Stems rather stiff, 3 or 4 inches to a foot high or more.
      - Styles mostly 2-cleft . . . . . 2. *Creeping S.*
      - Styles mostly 3-cleft.
        - Sheaths at the base of the stem obtuse or oblique at the top, without any leafy tip. Spikelets oblong.
          - Flowers numerous in each spikelet, the thickened base of the style rather bulb-shaped . . . . . 3. *Many-stalked S.*
          - Flowers 3 to 6 in each spikelet, the thickened base of the style gradually tapering from the nut . . . 4. *Few-flowered S.*
        - Sheaths at the base of the stem with a short leafy tip.
          - Spikelet ovoid . . . . . 5. *Tufted S.*
  - *Outer bract of the spikelet with a leafy tip as long as the spikelet or longer.*
    - Stems rather firm, 6 inches to a foot high, with numerous sheaths at the base, each with a short point . . . . . 5. *Tufted S.*
    - Stems very slender, 1 to 6 inches high, with 1 or 2 subulate leaves.
      - Nut marked with longitudinal ribs and furrows . . . . 7. *Bristle S.*
      - Nut without ribs or furrows . . . . . 8. *Savi's S.*

Spikelets 2 or more, in a cluster or umbel below the summit of the stem.
- Stems very slender, 1 to 6 inches high, with 1 or 2 subulate leaves.
  - Nut marked with longitudinal ribs and furrows . . . . . 7. *Bristle S.*
  - Nut without ribs or furrows . . . . . 8. *Savi's S.*
- Stems firm, 1 to 2 feet high or more.
  - *Stems leafless, or with 1 or 2 short, stiff leaves at the base.*
    - Stems acutely triangular from near the base.
      - Spikelets all sessile, in a close cluster. Leaf-blade narrow, 2 or 3 inches long . . . . . 10. *Sharp S.*
      - Spikelets more or less pedicellate, in a compound cluster. Leaf-blade very short . . . . . 11. *Triangular S.*
    - Stems cylindrical, or scarcely angular at the top.
      - Spikelets very small but very numerous, densely packed in one or more small, globular heads . . . . . 9. *Clustered S.*
      - Spikelets rather large, in a cluster or irregular umbel . . 12. *Lake S.*
  - *Stems bearing several long leaves.*
    - Spikelets large, brown, in a sessile cluster or close compound umbel . . . . . 13. *Sea S.*
    - Spikelets small, green, very numerous, in a large, loose, compound panicle . . . . . 14. *Wood. S.*

1. **Needle Scirpus. Scirpus acicularis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 749. *Eleocharis*, Brit. Fl.)

A little, slender, tufted plant, with the appearance of an annual, but emitting thread-like, creeping rootstocks; the fine subulate stems scarcely 2 inches high, with short sheaths at their base, and most of them bearing a single terminal oblong spikelet, not 2 lines long, of a dark brown colour, the outer bract similar to the glumes. Flowers usually 6 to 8 in the spikelet. Hypogynous bristles 3 or 4. Styles 3-cleft. Nut obovoid, slightly triangular.

In wet, sandy places, the margins of lakes, etc., widely spread over Europe and central and Russian Asia, and North America. Not uncommon in England, Ireland, and some parts of Scotland. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

2. **Creeping Scirpus. Scirpus palustris,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 131. *Eleocharis*, Brit. Fl.)

Rootstock often creeping to a considerable extent, with numerous erect stems, often densely tufted, and not 6 inches high at the edge of the water, more distant, and a foot high or more when in the water; all leafless, except one or two short sheaths at their base, without leafy tips. Spikelets solitary and terminal, oblong, 4 to 6 lines long. Glumes numerous, closely imbricated, brown, with scarious edges, and green on the midrib; the outer bract only differing from the glumes in being rather larger. Hypogynous bristles usually 4. Style 2-cleft. Nut obovate, crowned by a little conical tubercle, being the persistent base of the style.

On the edges of pools and watery ditches, throughout the northern hemisphere, and in some parts of the southern one. Frequent in Britain. *Fl. all summer.* Specimens with the outer bract rather broader, so as almost to enclose the base of the spike, have been distinguished as a species under the name of *S. uniglumis.*

3. **Many-stalked Scirpus. Scirpus multicaulis,** Sm.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1187. *Eleocharis*, Brit. Fl.)

Very much like the last, and perhaps a mere variety, but smaller, forming dense tufts, with a few creeping offsets; the stems more slender, often slightly decumbent at the base, many of them barren and leaf-like. Spikelet rather smaller. Styles usually, but not always, 3-cleft, the nut becoming obovoid and triangular. Hypogynous bristles usually 6.

In similar situations to the *creeping S.*, and often mixed with it, but not so much in the water; recorded chiefly from northern and western Europe. Not unfrequent in Britain. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Few-flowered Scirpus. Scirpus pauciflorus,** Lightf.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1122.)

In appearance much like a starved, slender state of the two last species, whilst the nut is nearer that of the *tufted S.* Stems slender, and many of them barren, not 6 inches high, the sheaths without leafy tips. Spikelet small, not containing above 5 or 6 flowers. Hypogynous bristles, 3-cleft style, and obovoid nut, as in the *many-stalked S.*, but the thickened base of the style is considerably narrower, forming a tapering point to the nut, not a conical tubercle.

In wet mud, and the edges of pools, in northern and central Europe, and Russian Asia, and the mountains of southern Europe and the Caucasus, but scarcely an Arctic plant. In Britain, more frequent in Scotland, Ireland, and northern England than in the south. *Fl. summer.*

5. **Tufted Scirpus. Scirpus cæspitosus,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1029.)

Stem 6 inches to a foot high, densely tufted, covered for an inch or two at their base with closely imbricated sheaths, the outer ones brown, the inner ones green, with narrow, leafy tips, 1 to 2 lines long. Spikelets solitary and terminal, ovoid, brown, scarcely above 2 lines long; the outer bract like the glumes but larger, with an almost leafy tip, about the length of the spikelet. Flowers usually 6 to 8 in the spikelet. Hypogynous bristles about 6. Style 3-cleft, the persistent base very minute.

In marshes and bogs, common in northern and Arctic Europe, Asia, and America, but restricted to mountain-ranges in central and southern Europe, and not recorded from the Caucasus. Frequent in Britain, excepting some of the southern counties of England. *Fl. summer.*

6. **Floating Scirpus. Scirpus fluitans,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 216. *Isolepis*, Brit. Fl.)

Easily known by its long, slender, branching stems, either floating on the water, or forming soft, densely matted masses on its margin, with linear-subulate leaves, ½ to 2 inches long. Spikelets solitary and terminal, oblong, greenish, not 2 lines long, the outer bract without any leafy point. Flowers without hypogynous bristles. Styles 2-cleft.

In pools and still waters, generally distributed over Europe, and re-appearing in the southern hemisphere, but not recorded from Asia or America. Scattered over the whole of Britain, but not very common. *Fl. summer.*

7. **Bristle Scirpus. Scirpus setaceus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1693. *Isolepis*, Brit. Fl.)

Stems slender, 2 or 3 inches high, forming little dense tufts, with 1 or 2 short, subulate leaves on each stem, sheathing it at the base. Spikelets solitary, or 2 or 3 together in a little cluster, appearing lateral, the subulate point of the outer bract forming a continuation of the stem. Each spikelet is ovoid, seldom 2 lines long; the glumes broad and short, dark brown, with a green midrib. No hypogynous bristles. Style 3-cleft. Nut very small, marked with about 8 longitudinal ribs and furrows, only visible under a magnifying-glass.

In muddy places, on the margins of pools, etc., in Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean nearly to the Arctic Circle. Generally distributed over Britain. *Fl. summer.*

8. **Savi's Scirpus. Scirpus Savii,** Seb. et Maur.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2782. *Isolepis*, Brit. Fl.)

Very like the *bristle S.*, but usually still more slender, although sometimes attaining 6 or 8 inches; the point of the outer bract scarcely exceeds the spikelet, and the nut has not the longitudinal ribs and furrows of the *bristle S.*

In marshes, and edges of pools, chiefly near the sea, frequent in the southern hemisphere, and in the Mediterranean region of the northern hemisphere, extending along the western coasts to the British Channel. In Britain, on the southern and western coasts of England, the west of Scotland, and Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

9. **Clustered Scirpus. Scirpus Holoschœnus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1612. *Isolepis*, Brit. Fl.)

A stiff, rush-like plant, with a stout, creeping rootstock, and cylindrical stems, 1 to 2 feet high or even more, with 1 or 2 stiff leaves sheathing the base. Spikelets very numerous and small, closely packed into one or more globular heads, forming a lateral cluster or umbel, the largest stiff outer bract forming an apparent continuation of the stem. The largest heads are seldom above 4 or 5 lines diameter, and contain upwards of 30 spikelets, of a light brown colour, each containing many flowers. No hypogynous bristles. Style 2-cleft or rarely 3-cleft.

In moist places, chiefly near the sea, in the Mediterranean region, extending eastward into central Asia, and northward in western Europe to the Loire, and here and there into central Europe. In Britain, only in two neighbouring localities in North Devon and Somerset. *Fl. late in summer.*

10. **Sharp Scirpus. Scirpus pungens,** Vahl.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2819.)

Very near the *triangular S.*, but a rather smaller plant; one or two of the sheaths bear narrow, keeled leaves, 1 to 3 inches long, and the spikelets are few (usually 3 to 6), all sessile, in a close cluster; the stiff, triangular, outer bract continuing the stem as in the *triangular S.*

In bogs, marshes, and on the margins of pools, chiefly in North America and the West Indies, but occurs occasionally in western Europe, and has been found on the banks of St. Ouen's Pond, in Jersey. *Fl. summer, rather late.*

11. **Triangular Scirpus. Scirpus triqueter,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1694.)

Rootstock creeping. Stems acutely triangular, 2 or 3 feet high, leafless, except that the one or two loose sheaths at the base bear a short lanceolate blade, from a couple of lines to near an inch long. Spikelets usually 8 or 10 or even more, the central ones sessile, the others stalked, forming a compound lateral cluster or umbel; the stiff, triangular outer bract continuing the stem for an inch or more. Each spikelet is ovoid, 4 or 5 lines long; the glumes brown, broad, usually notched or fringed at the top, with a minute point. Hypogynous bristles about 5. Style 2-cleft. Nut smooth and shining.

In marshes, and edges of pools, in central and southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus, and northward chiefly in western Europe to Denmark. Rare in Britain, and probably limited to the banks of the Arun, in Sussex, and of the Thames, near London. *Fl. late in summer.*

12. **Lake Scirpus. Scirpus lacustris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 666.)

Rootstock creeping, with stout, erect stems, from 2 or 3, to 6 or 8 feet high, cylindrical at the base, gradually tapering upwards, and sometimes obtusely triangular near the top, with a single short leaf near the base. Spikelets ovoid or oblong, 3 to 6 lines long, rather numerous, in a compound lateral umbel or cluster, the outer bract continuing the stem. Glumes numerous, broad, brown, fringed at the edge, notched at the top, with a little point in the notch. Hypogynous bristles 5 or 6. Style 2- or 3-cleft. Nut smooth.

On the margins of lakes and ponds, and in watery ditches, extending all over Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions, and in North America. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer.* Two varieties are often distinguished as species, the *S. lacustris*, with 3-cleft style and smooth glumes, and the *S. Tabernæmontani*, or *S. glaucus* (Eng. Bot. t. 2321), with a 2-cleft style and raised dots on the glumes; but these characters are very inconstant, and there are often 2-cleft and 3-cleft styles in the same spikelet. The name of *S. Duvalii*, or *S. carinatus* (Eng. Bot. t. 1983), is sometimes given to a variety of the *lake S.* with the stems rather more triangular at the top, sometimes to a slight variety of the *triangular S.*

13. **Sea Scirpus. Scirpus maritimus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 542.)

Rootstock creeping. Stems sharply triangular, 2 to 4 or even 5 feet high, with long, flat, pointed leaves, often far exceeding the stem. Spikelets of a rich brown, ovoid or lanceolate, about 9 lines long, sometimes only 2 or 3 in a close sessile cluster, more frequently 8 to 10 in a compound cluster, the outer ones stalked. The leaf-like outer bract continues the stem, and sometimes one or two other bracts have leafy points. Glumes notched, with a fine point. Style 3-cleft. Hypogynous bristles few.

In salt-marshes, and occasionally up the banks of large rivers in most parts of the world, though less frequent within the tropics. Common all round the coasts of Britain. *Fl. summer.*

14. **Wood Scirpus. Scirpus sylvaticus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 919.)

Stems triangular, 2 or 3 feet high, with long, grass-like leaves. Spikelets ovoid, of a dark shining green, not above 2 lines long, very numerous, in clusters of 2 or 3 together, forming a terminal, much branched, compound umbel or panicle, with an involucre of 2 or 3 linear leaves. Glumes keeled and pointed. Hypogynous bristles usually 6. Style 3-cleft.

In moist woods, and on grassy banks of rivers, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, and in North America. Scattered over England, Ireland, and southern Scotland, and abundant in some localities, but not generally a common plant. *Fl. summer.*

VII. **COTTONSEDGE.** ERIOPHORUM.

Habit and characters of *Scirpus*, except that the hypogynous bristles, as the flowering advances, protrude to a great length beyond the glumes, forming silky-cottony tufts, which have given to these plants the name of *Cotton-rushes* or *Cotton-grass*. The style is usually 3-cleft.

A genus of few species, all bog plants, restricted to the northern hemisphere, and most abundant in high latitudes or at considerable elevations.

Spikelets solitary.
- Spikelets 2 or 3 lines long, oblong, and brown. Hypogynous bristles 6 to each flower . . . . . 1. *Alpine C.*
- Spikelets above 6 lines long, ovoid, of a dark olive-green. Hypogynous bristles very numerous . . . . . 2. *Sheathing C.*

Spikelets several to each stem . . . . . 3. *Common C.*

1. **Alpine Cottonsedge. Eriophorum alpinum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 311.)

In everything but the long bristles this plant precisely resembles the *tufted Scirpus*. It has the same densely tufted stems, 6 to 10 inches high, with imbricate sheaths at the base; the inner ones with very short leafy tips, and small, brown, solitary and terminal spikelets. After flowering the hypogynous bristles, about 6 to each flower, form a silky tuft attaining an inch in length.

In bogs, in the high mountain-ranges of Europe and Russian Asia, or at high latitudes all round the Arctic Circle. In Britain perhaps now extinct, the bog near Forfar where it was formerly found being now drained, and if

it be not found in other parts of the Scotch Highlands it must be expunged from our Flora. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Sheathing Cottonsedge. Eriophorum vaginatum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 873.)

Stems tufted, a foot high or more, covered at the base with a few loose ragged sheaths, one or two of which bear linear, almost subulate leaves, shorter than the stem, and one or two of the upper sheaths inflated, without any or only a very short blade. Spikelet solitary, terminal, ovoid, 6 to 8 lines long, of a deep olive-green. Hypogynous bristles very numerous to each flower, forming at length very dense cottony tufts, nearly globular, about an inch in diameter.

In bogs and wet moors, in northern and central Europe, Russian Asia, and North America, and in the mountains of southern Europe. Extends all over Britain, but especially abundant in the mountains of Scotland and Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Common Cottonsedge. Eriophorum polystachyum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 563. *E. angustifolium*, t. 564, *E. gracile*, t. 2402, *E. pubescens*, t. 2633, and *E. gracile*, Suppl. t. 2886.)

Rootstock creeping. Leaves few, mostly radical, much shorter than the stem, more or less triangular, or channelled at the top or all the way along, those on the stem often very short. Stems about a foot high, with a terminal umbel of 2 or 3 to 8 or 10 or even more spikelets; the inner ones sessile, the outer ones more or less stalked and often drooping; the 1 to 3 outer bracts more or less leafy. Each spikelet ovoid or oblong, 5 or 6 lines long; the glumes thin, of an olive green, with scarious edges, or sometimes altogether brown. Hypogynous bristles very numerous, forming dense cottony tufts, often attaining 1 to 1½ inches in length.

In bogs and wet moors, the commonest species in Europe, Russian Asia, and North America. Frequent in Britain. *Fl. summer.* It is usually divided into 3 species, the *broad-leaved C.* (*E. latifolium*), with leaves flattened the greater part of their length; the *slender C.* (*E. gracile*), with very slender leaves, and few, almost erect spikelets; and the *narrow-leaved C.* (*E. angustifolium*), with intermediate leaves and more numerous spikelets. Other characters, derived from the smoothness or roughness of the peduncles, or from the length of the cottony bristles, do not appear to be near so constant as has been supposed.

VIII. **KOBRESIA.** KOBRESIA.

A single species, differing from those *Carexes* in which the male and female flowers are in the same spikelets, only in that the ovary is enclosed between 2 glume-like distinct scales instead of a single *utricle.*

Some botanists include in the same genus one or two Continental species with a very different apparent structure, although theoretically nearly allied to the British one, and all showing the connection between the genus *Carex* and the rest of the family.

1. **Sedge-like Kobresia. Kobresia caricina,** Willd.
(*Schœnus monoicus*, Eng. Bot. t. 1410.)

A low, Carex-like plant, forming dense tufts seldom above 6 inches high;

the leaves radical or sheathing the stems at the base, spreading, and much shorter than the stem. Spikelets 4 or 5, short and brown, closely sessile in a short terminal spike. In each spikelet the lower flowers are female, consisting within the glume of 2 shorter scales enclosing an ovary with a 3-cleft style. The upper flowers of the terminal spikelet, and usually one terminal flower of the lateral spikelets are males, consisting of 3 stamens within the glumes, without inner scales. Sometimes the lower spikelets are slightly compound or branched.

In moors and wet places, in the mountains of northern and central Europe, and in the Caucasus. In Britain, only in a few localities in Perthshire and in the north of England. *Fl. summer.*

IX. **CAREX.** CAREX.

Herbs, mostly perennial, with Grass-like leaves, chiefly radical or on the lower part of the stem. Spikelets solitary or several in a terminal spike, or the lower ones distant or stalked, or rarely forming a short compound spike or dense panicle. Flowers unisexual, the stamens and pistils always in separate glumes, either in separate spikelets or in different parts of the same spikelet, which is then called *mixed* or *androgynous*. Glumes imbricated all round the axis. Stamens in the males 3, or rarely 2, without bristles or inner scales. Ovary in the females enclosed within a bottle-shaped or inflated *sack* or *utricle*, contracted at the top, with a small opening through which protrudes the 2-cleft or 3-cleft style. This sack persists round the nut, forming an angular or bladdery outer covering to the seed-like fruit. It is by some botanists considered as a perianth, but it appears to be in fact more analogous to the two inner scales or bracts of *Kobresia*, and to the palea of *Grasses*.

A very large and well-defined genus, widely spread over Europe, northern Asia, and North America, extending into the mountain-ranges of the tropics, and the extratropical regions of the southern hemisphere. The great conformity of the essential characters of the genus render it difficult to break it up into well-marked sections, and the main divisions are usually taken from the relative position of the male and female spikelets or of their male and female portions. These characters are readily appreciated when the plant is in flower, but when in fruit, a state in which it is necessary to procure it in order to determine the species with accuracy, it requires some attention not to overlook the few male flowers at the base or at the top of the mixed spikes, as, the stamens having fallen away, they then appear like empty glumes.

1 { Spikelet solitary and terminal 2
  { Spikelets several, the terminal one mixed, the rest female or mixed 5
  { Spikelets several, the terminal one or more male (rarely with a very few female flowers at the base), the others female or mixed 28

Spikelet solitary, terminal.

2 { Spikelet wholly male or wholly female 3
  { Spikelet mixed, male at the top, female at the base 4

3 { Male and female spikelets on different plants . . . . . 1. *Dioecious C.*
  { Female spikelet on a long peduncle arising from the base of the male stem. 24. *Dwarf C.*

4 { Spikelet above 6 lines long. Stigmas 2. Fruits tapering to a point . . 2. *Flea C.*
  { Spikelet above 6 lines long. Stigmas 3. Fruits obovoid, obtuse . . . 3. *Rock C.*
  { Spikelet not above 4 lines. Flowers very few. Stigmas 3. Fruit tapering. 4. *Few-flowered C.*

Spikelets several, the terminal one mixed.

5 { Spikelets all sessile in a simple or branched, close or interrupted spike. Stigmas 2 . 6
  { Lower spikelets generally stalked. Stigmas 3 20

6 { Terminal spikelet male at the base. Spike simple 7
  { Terminal spikelet male at the top. Spike often branched or compound 13

7 { Spikelets forming a terminal spike without leafy bracts, or with only a small one to the lowest spikelet 8
  { Spikelets very distant, the lower ones each in the axil of a long leafy bract . . . 12

8 { Spikelets ovoid, close together. Fruits tapering to a point, erect or scarcely spreading 9
  { Spikelets, at least the lower ones, at some distance from each other 10

9 { Fruits winged at the edges. Stems usually a foot high or more . . . . 5. *Oval C.*
  { Fruits not winged. Stems usually 8 or 9 inches high . . . . 6. *Hare's-foot C.*

10 { Fruits tapering to a point or beak considerably longer than the glume 11
   { Fruits erect, ovate, with a minute point. Stems a foot or more. Spikelets pale green . . . . . 9. *Whitish C.*

11 { Ripe spikelets nearly globular, with very spreading beaked fruits. Stem 6 or 8 inches. 8. *Star-headed C.*
   { Ripe spikelets oblong, with rather spreading pointed fruits. Stem 1 to 2 feet. 7. *Elongated C.*

12 { All the spikelets simple, sessile, and distant . . . . . 10. *Remote C.*
   { Lower spikelets branched or 2 or 3 together. Upper ones rather near together. 11. *Axillary C.*

13 { Stems tufted, without creeping rootstocks 14
   { Rootstock long and creeping 18

14 { Spike compound or branched. Stems 1 to 4 feet (usually 2 to 3 feet) 15
   { Spike simple or the lower spikelets slightly compound. Stems not a foot or very slender 16

15 { Spike or panicle dark brown, rather loose. Fruits obtusely 3-angled . 12. *Panicled C.*
   { Spike cylindrical, often green, densely crowded. Fruits much flattened, with acute angles. Stem acutely triangular . . . . . 13. *Fox C.*

16 { Spikelets near together, in a terminal brown spike about an inch long . 14. *Prickly C.*
   { Lower spikelets distant, all pale brown or green 17

17 { Fruiting spikelets globular, no male flowers at their base . . . . . 14. *Prickly C.*
   { Fruiting spikelets oblong, a few males at the base of some of them. Fruits flattened. 11. *Axillary C.*

18 { Spikelets rather large, ovoid, in a spike of 1 or 2 inches. Fruits with a very thin or winged edge . . . . . 15. *Sand C.*
   { Spikelets short, in a spike of about ½ inch. Fruit very convex, not winged . . . 19

19 { Spike ovoid, the spikelets distinct. Stem slender, erect . . . . 16. *Divided C.*
   { Spike nearly globular, very dense. Stem short, curving downwards . 17. *Curved C.*

20 { Spikelets short, erect 21
   { Spikelets oblong or cylindrical, stalked and drooping 22

21 { Spikelets at length rather distant, the lowest scarcely stalked. Fruit ovoid, obtuse. 22. *Buxbaum's C.*
   { Spikelets close together, the lowest stalked. Fruit angular, shortly beaked. 21. *Alpine C.*

22 { Spikelets oblong, very black. Fruit triangular, with a short beak . . 23. *Black C.*
   { Spikelets cylindrical, green. Glumes and fruits with long subulate points. 43. *Cyperus-like C.*

Spikelets several, one or more terminal ones wholly male.

23 { Stigmas 2 24
   { Stigmas 3 27

24 { Spikelets small, green, and distant, lower one branched or clustered . 11. *Axillary C.*
   { Spikelets cylindrical or oblong, few, dark-brown or black 25

25 { Fruits very convex or inflated . . . . . 18. *Russet C.*
   { Fruits nearly flat 26

26 { Glumes mostly obtuse. Spikelets ⅓ to 2 inches long . . . . . 19. *Tufted C.*
   { Glumes mostly narrow and pointed. Female spikelets 3 inches or more. 20. *Acute C.*

27 { Bracts sheathing, without leafy tips. (Fruits obtuse, slightly downy) 28
   { Bracts, at least the lower ones, leafy, with or without sheaths 29

28 { Stems shorter than the leaves. Female spikelets short, distant, half-included in the sheaths . . . . . 24. *Dwarf C.*
   { Stems longer than the leaves. Female spikelets near the top, linear, spreading. 25. *Fingered C.*

29 { Fruits downy or hairy 30
   { Fruits glabrous 35

30 { Female spikelets short and compact, close under the males 31
Female spikelets oblong or cylindrical, the lower ones distant 33

31 { Lowest bract shortly sheathing, with a short leafy point . . . . . 26. *Vernal C.*
Lowest bract shortly leafy, without any sheath 32

32 { Fruits not above a line long, very shortly downy . . . . . 28. *Pill-headed C.*
Fruits near 2 lines long, hairy . . . . . 27. *Mountain C.*

33 { Bracts without any or with very short sheaths 34
Bracts with long sheaths. Fruits hairy, beaked, 2 lines long. Spikelets very distant. 31. *Hairy C.*

34 { Spikelets rather distant, very compact. Fruits not a line long, and not beaked. 29. *Downy C.*
Spikelets very distant. Fruits near 2 lines long, tapering into a beak . 30. *Slender C.*

35 { One terminal male spikelet (rarely with a smaller one close under it). Female spikelets erect. Bracts leafy, with sheaths 36
One terminal male spikelet. Females more or less drooping. Bracts with or rarely without sheaths 44
Two or three male spikelets. Bracts without sheaths, or rarely the lowest one sheathing 49

36 { Fruits obtuse, without any or only a very minute beak 37
Fruits tapering into a beak 38

37 { Female spikelets short, oblong, pale. Fruit very obtuse . . . . . 32. *Pale C.*
Female spikelets cylindrical. Glumes dark. Fruit often with a minute beak. 37. *Carnation C.*

38 { Female spikelets compact, nearly sessile 39
Female spikelets loose, cylindrical, stalked 42

39 { Leafy bracts very narrow, much longer than the stem . . . . 33. *Long-bracted C.*
Leafy bracts short, or very rarely exceeding the stem 40

40 { Female spikelets short, yellowish-green, mostly near the top of the stem. Fruits very spreading . . . . . 34. *Yellow C.*
Female spikelets oblong, brown, very distant. Fruits with an erect or slightly spreading beak 41

41 { Fruit ribbed . . . . . 35. *Distant C.*
Fruit smooth . . . . . 36. *Dotted C.*

42 { Female spikelets green. Fruits with a long beak 43
Female spikelets brown. Fruits with a very short beak . . . . 37. *Carnation C.*

43 { Peduncles of the lower spikelets very long . . . . . 41. *Wood C.*
Peduncles of the lower spikelets short . . . . . 35. *Distant C.*

44 { Female spikelets short, or very brown (seldom above an inch) 45
Female spikelets greenish, 1 to 6 inches long 46

45 { Female spikelets light brown, loose. Lower bracts leafy, with long sheaths. Fruits beaked . . . . . 38. *Capillary C.*
Female spikelets pale green, oblong. Lower bracts leafy, with short sheaths. Fruits not beaked . . . . . 32. *Pale C.*
Female spikelets dark brown. Bracts almost without sheaths. Fruits compressed, not beaked . . . . . 39. *Mud C.*
Female spikelets brown, cylindrical. Sheaths variable. Fruits ovoid, not beaked. 40. *Glaucous C.*

46 { Female spikelets distant, not crowded. Stems weak and leafy 47
Female spikelets not very distant. Flowers crowded. Stems stout, 3 to 5 feet . 48

47 { Female spikelets about an inch, on slender stalks. Fruits rather long-beaked. 41. *Wood C.*
Female spikelets about 2 inches, very slender. Stalks almost concealed in the sheaths. Fruits short-pointed . . . . . 42. *Thin-spiked C.*

48 { Female spikelets about 2 inches, on slender stalks. Glumes and fruits spreading, with long points . . . . . 43. *Cyperus-like C.*
Female spikelets 4 to 6 inches. Stalks almost concealed in the sheaths. Fruits small, scarcely beaked . . . . . 44. *Pendulous C.*

49 { Fruits obtuse. Spikelets dark brown. Leaves glaucous . . . . 40. *Glaucous C.*
Fruits beaked or pointed. Spikelets brown-green. Stems tall, with long leaves . 50

50 { Fruits much flattened, pointed . . . . . 47. *Marsh C.*
Fruits inflated, abruptly contracted into a long beak . . . . . 45. *Bottle C.*
Fruits inflated, tapering into a short beak . . . . . 46. *Bladder C.*

1. **Dicœcious Carex.** **Carex dioica,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 543, and *C. Davalliana*, t. 2123.)

A slender dicœcious plant, seldom above 6 or 8 inches high, with a creeping rootstock; the leaves very narrow, much shorter than the stem, the radical ones loosely tufted. Spikelets brown, solitary on each stem; those

of the male plant linear, about 6 lines long; the females much shorter, and ovoid. Fruits longer than the glumes, contracted into a point, and more or less spreading when ripe. Styles 2-cleft.

In spongy bogs, in northern and Arctic Europe, Asia, and America, and in the mountain-ranges of central Europe. Common in Scotland, Ireland, and northern England, but very rare in the south. *Fl. early summer.*

2. **Flea Carex. Carex pulicaris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1051.)

A small tufted species, not creeping, 3 to 6 inches high, the leaves narrow, almost subulate, shorter than the stem. Spikelet solitary and terminal, about 9-lines long, male in the upper half, 3 to 7 of the lower flowers female. Style 2-cleft. Fruit ovate, sessile, and erect when young, becoming oblong, pointed, contracted at the base, and horizontally spreading when ripe, and then near 2 lines long.

In wet meadows and bogs, in northern Europe and Asia, and in the mountains of central and southern Europe to the Caucasus. Generally spread over Britain. *Fl. early summer.*

3. **Rock Carex. Carex rupestris,** All.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2814.)

Rootstock creeping. Leaves in loose tufts, broader and flatter than in the *flea C.*, but ending in a long, fine point. Stems 3 to 6 inches high, with a linear, mixed spikelet like that of the *flea C.*, but the style is 3-cleft, and the fruit is shorter, obovoid, not pointed, and not so spreading. The lower glumes often bear a fine deciduous point.

On wet rocks, and moors, in the mountains of northern and Arctic Europe and Asia, and the higher ranges of central Europe. In Britain, limited to the higher mountains of Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Few-flowered Carex. Carex pauciflora,** Lightf.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2041.)

A slender species, with long, creeping runners, and a loosely branched stem, decumbent at the base, or rarely forming dense tufts, and not above 6 inches high. Leaves narrow, the upper ones sheathing the stem to nearly the middle, and often nearly as long. Spikelet solitary, pale brown, 3 or scarcely 4 lines long, with few flowers, the 2 or 3 uppermost male, the 2 or 3 lower female, with 3-cleft styles. Fruits narrow and pointed, nearly as long as the whole spikelet, spreading or reflexed when ripe.

In moors and swamps, in northern and Arctic Europe, Asia, and America, and in the higher mountain-ranges of central Europe. Rather frequent in the Highlands of Scotland, more local in northern England, and not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

5. **Oval Carex. Carex leporina,** Linn.

(*C. ovalis,* Eng. Bot. t. 306.)

Stems loosely tufted at the base, forming at length a short, horizontal rootstock, and attaining a foot or more in height. Leaves usually considerably shorter. Spikelets 4 to 6, sessile, distinct, but very close together, ovoid, brownish-green and shining, about 4 lines long, consisting chiefly of female flowers, with a few males at the base of each spikelet. Outer bracts like the glumes, or the lowest rarely with a short, leafy point. Styles 2-cleft. Fruits flat, with a scarious wing or border round the edge.

In moist meadows, and pastures, over the whole of Europe and Russian Asia, except perhaps the extreme north and south. Generally diffused over Britain. *Fl. summer, rather early.*

6. **Hare's-foot Carex. Carex lagopina,** Wahlenb.

(*C. leporina*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2815.)

Very near the *oval C.*, but a smaller plant, seldom above 8 or 9 inches high, forming rather dense tufts, with the leaves about half the height of the stems. Spikelets usually 3 or 4, very close together, of the shape of those of the *oval C.* but rather smaller, and the nuts, although flat, are not winged as in that species.

An alpine plant, not unfrequent in northern Europe and Asia, at high latitudes, and in the higher mountain-ranges of central and southern Europe. In Britain, only in a few localities in the Scotch Highlands, near Aberdeen. *Fl. summer.*

7. **Elongated Carex. Carex elongata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1920.)

When first flowering this plant has the appearance of tall, luxuriant specimens of the *whitish C.*, often attaining 2 feet, but the spikelets are browner, and the ripe fruit attains near 2 lines, tapers into a point, and spreads more or less from the axis, projecting far beyond the glumes. The spikelets are longer, narrower, and not near so close as in the *oval C.*, and the fruits are not at all winged.

In marshes, in central and northern Europe, and northern Asia, from northern Spain and Italy almost to the Arctic Circle. Rare in Britain, although it has been found in several counties, both of England and Ireland. *Fl. early summer.*

8. **Star-headed Carex. Carex stellulata,** Gooden.

(Eng. Bot. t. 806.)

A tufted species, rarely above 6 or 8 inches high, with the leaves mostly shorter than the stem. Spikelets 3 or 4, at some distance from each other (except sometimes the 2 uppermost), oval-oblong, and about 3 lines long when they first come out; but as the flowering advances, the long-beaked fruits spread in every direction, giving the spikelets a nearly globular form. The male flowers occupy the lower half of the terminal spikelet, and a small portion of the base of the two others. Styles 2-cleft. Fruits about 2 lines long, the edges slightly rough.

In marshy places, especially in mountain districts, in Europe and Russian Asia, from Spain and Italy to the Arctic regions, and in North America. Frequent in Britain. *Fl. spring or early summer.*

9. **Whitish Carex. Carex canescens,** Linn.

(*C. curta*, Eng. Bot. t. 1386.)

Stems tufted, a foot high or rather more, with rather long leaves. Spikelets 4 to 6, at some distance from each other, or the uppermost closer, 3 or 4 lines long, of a pale green. Fruits not longer than the glumes, rounded at the top, with a small point, not tapering into a beak as in the last three species. Styles 2-cleft. Male flowers generally very few, at the base of most of the spikelets.

In bogs and marshy places, in northern and Arctic Europe and Asia,

and in the mountains of central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, and in North America. Spread over many parts of Britain, and abundant in some bogs, but not very general. *Fl. early summer.* An alpine variety, with smaller spikelets, has been distinguished under the names of *C. vitilis*, or *C. Persoonii*.

10. **Remote Carex. Carex remota,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 832.)

Distinguished from all other British species, with mixed spikelets male at the base, by the small pale spikelets at considerable distances from each other, the outer bracts of the 3 or 4 lower ones always very long and leaf-like. Stems slender, a foot high or more. Spikelets smaller than in the *whitish C.* Fruits tapering into a point, but not so long as in the *elongated C.* The terminal spikelet has male flowers in the lower half, the others only a few at the base, and the lowest is often entirely female.

In woods, and moist, shady places, generally dispersed over Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Frequent in England and Ireland, less so in Scotland. *Fl. early summer.*

11. **Axillary Carex. Carex axillaris,** Gooden.

(Eng. Bot. t. 993, and *C. Bœninghauseniana*, Suppl. t. 2910.)

A rather tall species, with leafy stems often 2 feet high, allied on the one hand to the *remote C.*, but the spikelets are not so distant, and the lowest is either branched, or there are 2 or 3 together, either sessile or very shortly stalked, and only one or two of the lower bracts are leaf-like. On the other hand, the clustered lower spikelets show an approach to the *panicled C.*, and, as in that species, there are a few male flowers at the top of the terminal spikelets; but the inflorescence is much more slender, the spikelets much more distant, and there are usually a few male flowers at the base of most of them. From the remote-flowered forms of the *prickly C.* it differs in the longer spikelets, the much more leafy lower bract, and the fruit flatter, with very acute edges.

Generally distributed over Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, but not very common. Very local in England and Ireland, and not known in Scotland. *Fl. early summer.*

12. **Panicled Carex. Carex paniculata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1064.)

A stout species, forming large tufts; the stems attaining from 1 to 3 or even 4 feet in height, and more or less triangular, but never so much so as in the *fox C.*; the leaves in luxuriant specimens longer than the stem, and 3 or 4 lines broad, in poorer specimens much shorter and narrower. Spikelets numerous, brown, crowded into a compound spike or panicle, sometimes 4 or 5 inches long, with the lower branches spreading and an inch long, sometimes contracted into a spike like that of the *fox C.*, but more slender. The individual spikelets are sessile, mostly with a few male flowers at the top, the outer bracts scarious at the edges, the lowest sometimes with short, fine points. Styles 2-cleft. Fruits ovate, beaked, marked on the inner face with several longitudinal ribs or veins.

In marshes and bogs, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, and in North America. Generally distributed over Britain. *Fl. early summer.* It varies much in the degree of development of the inflorescence, as well as in the nerves or ribs of the fruit. A small variety, dis-

tinguished under the name of *C. teretiuscula* (Eng. Bot. t. 1065), has the panicle almost contracted into a spike of about an inch, but much more slender than in the *fox C.*, and the fruit, although the longitudinal ribs are scarcely prominent, is very convex, not flattened as in the latter species. This variety is also connected with the more common state of the *panicled C.* by numerous intermediate forms, often considered as an intermediate species under the name of *C. paradoxa* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2896).

13. **Fox Carex. Carex vulpina,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 307.)

A stout, tufted plant, 2 to 3 or even 4 feet high, with rather broad but not very long leaves, ending in a fine point, and a sharply-triangular stem, with broader sides than in the *panicled C.* Spikelets numerous, green or pale-brown, densely crowded into a terminal spike of 1 to 2 inches, always more or less compound and interrupted at the base, but the branches never elongated. The outer bracts of the lower clusters of spikelets have a fine leafy point. The individual spikelets are ovoid, many-flowered, all male at the top. Styles 2-cleft. Fruits much flattened, spreading when ripe, with a green rather broad beak.

In marshes and wet meadows, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, and in North America. Frequent in England and Ireland, more scarce and chiefly a coast plant in Scotland. *Fl. early summer.*

14. **Prickly Carex. Carex muricata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1097.)

A much smaller plant than the two last, seldom attaining a foot in height, with rather narrow leaves shorter than the stem. Spikelets about 6, rather short, brown or shining green, all mixed, having a few male flowers at the top of each, either all simple and crowded in a terminal spike of about an inch, or the lower ones rather more distant and sometimes slightly compound. Outer bracts mostly terminating in short, fine points. Styles usually 2-cleft. Fruits rather large, 2 lines long when ripe, pointed and spreading as in the *star-headed C.*

In marshy and gravelly pastures, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Not uncommon in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. early summer.*

The *grey C.* (*C. divulsa*, Eng. Bot. t. 629) appears to be a mere variety of this species, growing in less open situations, with longer stems and leaves, and paler, more distant spikelets, forming an interrupted spike of 2 or 3 inches; the lowest spikelet occasionally compound, with a rather long, leafy outer bract. It is then distinguished from the *elongated S.* by the shorter nearly globular spikelets without any male flowers at the base, and the fruits much less flattened.

15. **Sand Carex. Carex arenaria,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 928.)

Rootstock creeping often to the length of many feet, emitting small tufts or single stems from a few inches to 1 or 1½ feet in height and leafy at the base. Spikelets rather large, ovoid, all simple and sessile, crowded 8 or 10 together in a terminal spike of 1 to 2 inches, or 1 or 2 lower ones occasionally more distant. Outer bracts all glume-like, or the lowest with leafy points. Male flowers often numerous in the upper, and especially in the

intermediate spikes, very few at the top of the lowest. Fruits much flattened, tapering into a beak, and winged as in the *oval C.*, from which this species differs in the creeping rootstock and in the male flowers at the top, not at the base of the spikelets.

In maritime sands, on the coasts of Europe, western Asia, and North America. Abundant all round Britain. *Fl. all summer.*

The *intermediate C.* (*C. intermedia*, Eng. Bot. t. 2042, *C. disticha*, Bab. Man.) appears to be merely an inland variety, not uncommon in marshy ground and wet meadows, in Europe and Russian Asia, and occurring in various parts of England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. It is usually taller and more slender and leafy, and the fruits are generally, but not always, longer and less distinctly winged.

16. **Divided Carex. Carex divisa,** Huds.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1096.)

Rootstock creeping, hard, and almost woody; the stems usually short, but always more slender than in the *sand C.* Spikelets few and short, crowded into an ovoid or oblong spike or head, seldom above half an inch long, all, especially the upper ones, with several male flowers at the top. Styles 2-cleft. Fruits scarcely flattened, not winged, varying much in the length of their beak.

Chiefly a seacoast plant, but found occasionally inland, in marshes and swamps, in southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus and Himalaya, and up the western coasts to the British Channel. In Britain, frequent on some of the eastern and southern coasts of England and Ireland, but scarcely extending to the north of England. *Fl. early summer.*

17. **Curved Carex. Carex incurva,** Lightf.

(Eng. Bot. t. 927.)

Rootstock creeping; the stems not above 2 or 3 inches high, often curved as well as the rush-like leaves, which are usually about the same length. Spikelets 3 or 4, closely packed into a broadly ovoid, brown head, each with a few male flowers at the top. Styles 2-cleft. Fruits broad, rather inflated, tapering into a short beak projecting beyond the glumes.

A northern, chiefly Arctic species, in Europe and Russian Asia, and perhaps also in the Alps of central Europe and Asia, but there generally replaced by a closely allied species with a 3-cleft style. In Britain, only on the sandy sea-shores of northern Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

18. **Russet Carex. Carex saxatilis,** Linn.

(*C. pulla*, Eng. Bot. t. 2045, and *C. Grahami*, Suppl. t. 2923.)

Rootstock creeping; the scaly runners ending in tufts of leaves. Stems usually shortly decumbent at the base, 8 inches to a foot high or rather more, and leafy. Spikelets about 3 or 4, distant from each other; the terminal one or two cylindrical and small; the lower 3, 2, or 1 female, ovoid, of a dark brown, about 6 or 8 lines long; the lowest on a slender stalk, with a leafy bract at its base. Style 2-cleft. Fruit ovoid, inflated, longer than the glume, with a very short point or beak.

Limited to the Arctic and high northern regions of Europe. In Britain, only in the higher Scotch mountains. *Fl. summer.*

19. **Tufted Carex. Carex cæspitosa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1507. *C. vulgaris*, Brit. Fl.)

A very variable species, but (with the following, *acute C.*) readily known

among all the British species with distinct male and female spikelets, by the 2-cleft styles and almost flat fruits. The rootstock has creeping runners, but the stems are often densely tufted, enclosed at the base by the brown sheaths of the leaves, the outer ones often without blades and worn into ragged fibres. In dry soils the stems are scarcely 6 inches high, and the leaves still shorter; in rich swamps the stems attain 4 feet, with the leaves almost as long. Spikelets 3 to 6, each from ½ to 1½ inches long; the terminal one and the upper portion or the whole of the next male, the remainder female; the lowest usually shortly stalked, and 1 or 2 of the outer bracts leafy. Glumes dark-brown or black, often with a green midrib.

In pastures, meadows, and marshes. Common in Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions, and in North America. *Fl. spring and summer.* The principal forms occurring in Britain, often considered as species, are:—

a. *Rigid tufted C.* (*C. rigida*, Eng. Bot. t. 2047.) A dwarf alpine form, scarcely 6 inches high, with short, flat, and rigid leaves. In exposed situations, at great elevations, or at high northern latitudes.

b. *Common tufted C.* Usually 1 to 3 feet high, loosely tufted, with narrow leaves, including many intermediate forms passing gradually into the preceding and following varieties.

c. *Densely-tufted C.* (*C. stricta*, Eng. Bot. t. 914.) Usually about 2 feet high, more glaucous and tufted than the last variety, with narrow leaves, rather long spikelets, the fruits more distinctly arranged in 8 or 9 rows, and their nerves more strongly marked. Equally common with the last variety, but usually in more open situations.

d. *Water tufted C.* (*C. aquatilis*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2758.) A very tall, leafy form, with slender spikelets, approaching the *acute C.* In very wet, rich situations; not common in Britain, but said to occur in the Scotch Highlands.

20. **Acute Carex. Carex acuta,** Lin.

(Eng. Bot. t. 580. *C. Gibsoni*, Bab. Man.?)

This may again be a mere luxuriant variety of the *tufted C.* It attains 2 or 3 feet, with long, flaccid leaves, and leafy bracts; the female spikelets are often 3 inches long or more; the glumes all narrow and acute, and the fruits themselves narrower than in most varieties of the *tufted C.*

In wet meadows, and marshes, generally distributed over the area of the *tufted C.*, and not uncommon in Britain. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

21. **Alpine Carex. Carex alpina,** Sw.

(*C. Vahlii*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2666.)

A rather slender species, 6 inches to a foot high, tufted or shortly creeping, with short leaves. Spikelets about 3, ovoid, black or dark brown; the terminal one mixed, hairy, a few male flowers at its base; the 2 others female, one close to the terminal one, the other a little lower down, on a short stalk, in the axil of a leafy bract. Styles 3-cleft. Fruit green, obtusely triangular, shortly beaked, and projecting beyond the glume.

On mountain-rocks, in northern Europe and Asia, at high latitudes. In Britain, only in two localities in the Clova mountains of Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

22. **Buxbaum's Carex. Carex Buxbaumii,** Wahlenb.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2885. *C. canescens*, Brit. Fl.)

Rootstock shortly creeping, but the stems often densely tufted, 1 to 2 feet

high, with rather long leaves. Spikelets usually 4, in a loose spike, the terminal one male at the base, the others all female and sessile, or the lowest on a very short stalk. Lowest bract, and sometimes the next also, leafy. Glumes dark-brown, mostly pointed. Styles 3-cleft. Fruits of a pale colour, much resembling those of the *tufted C.*, usually as long as or longer than the glumes, rather obtusely angled, and not beaked.

In bogs, in northern and Aretic Europe, and Russian Asia, and North America, and in the mountains of central Europe. In Britain, only known from an island in Lough Weagh, in Ireland. *Fl. July.*

23. **Black Carex.** **Carex atrata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2044.)

Stems loosely tufted, ½ to 1½ feet high; the leaves broad and flaccid, with loose sheaths. Spikelets 3 or 4, black or dark brown, cylindrical, 8 or 9 lines long; the terminal one with a few male flowers at the base, or irregularly mixed, not all male as in the Arctic *C. ustulata*, which closely resembles this species in other respects; the other spikes entirely female or nearly so, stalked, erect when young, drooping when ripe. Outer bract leafy. Glumes rather large, pointed. Styles 3-cleft. Fruits dark and shining, flat when young, very acutely triangular when ripe, with a short point or beak.

A common alpine species, in northern and Arctic Europe, Asia, and North America, and in the great mountain-ranges of central Europe and Asia. Not unfrequent in some of the Scotch Highlands, and found also, but sparingly, on Snowdon in North Wales, but not in Ireland. *Fl. summer, rather early.*

24. **Dwarf Carex.** **Carex humilis,** Leyss.

(*C. clandestina*, Eng. Bot. t. 2124.)

Tufts short and very dense, with narrow, radical leaves, broadly sheathing at their base, and considerably longer than the flower-stems. These are from 3 to 5 inches high, with a terminal male spikelet about 9 lines long, and 3 or 4 much smaller female ones, placed at intervals along the stem almost from its base, and, although stalked, scarcely protruding from the white, scarious sheaths of the leafless bracts; the glumes of both the male and female spikelets are also scarious on the edges. Styles long and 3-cleft. Fruits ovoid, obtuse, more or less ribbed, and slightly downy.

On downs and stony wastes, chiefly in limestone districts, in central and southern Europe, extending eastward far into south Russian Asia, and northwards into most of the calcareous districts of France and Germany. In Britain, only in Wilts, Somerset, Gloucester, and Hereford counties. *Fl. spring.*

25. **Fingered Carex.** **Carex digitata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 615.)

A densely tufted species, 6 inches to a foot high, with short leaves. Male spike about 6 lines long, and really terminal although exceeded by the upper female spike, which is placed close under it; there are also 2 or 3 other female ones rather lower down, all shortly stalked, longer than the male and more or less spreading, so as to give the whole spike a digitate appearance; the flowers in each spikelet at some distance from each other. Bracts brown and sheathing, without leafy points or only a very short one. Styles 3-cleft. Fruits obovoid and minutely downy.

In the woods of limestone mountains, in central and southern Europe and temperate Russian Asia, extending northward into Scandinavia. Rare in Britain, and only in the hilly districts of western and north-central England. *Fl. spring.*

26. **Vernal Carex. Carex præcox,** Jacq.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1099.)

Near the *pill-headed C.* and the *downy C.*, but with shorter, stiffer leaves; the inflorescence is less compact than in the former, more so than in the latter, and the bract of the lowest spikelet forms a short sheath with a small leafy point. The male spikelet is larger, and the glumes more obtuse, but with a distinct fine point. Fruits rather small, shortly beaked, covered with a minute down.

In dry pastures, and heaths, common in Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, and naturalized in North America. Generally distributed over Britain. *Fl. spring.*

27. **Mountain Carex. Carex montana,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2924. *C. collina*, Brit. Fl.)

Very near the *pill-headed C.*, but the bracts have scarcely any leafy points; the female spikelets are shorter, with much darker glumes; and the fruits are twice as long, with acute angles, and are rather hairy than downy.

In pastures and heaths, with the *vernal C.*, in central and southern Europe and western Asia, and extending northward into Scandinavia. In Britain, said to have been found in Sussex, and near Chepstow, in Monmouthshire. *Fl. spring.*

28. **Pill-headed Carex. Carex pilulifera,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 885.)

Stems 6 inches to a foot high, forming broad and sometimes loose tufts, but scarcely creeping at the base. Leaves shorter than the stem, weak and flexible. Female spikelets 2 or 3, short and compact, close under the terminal male one. Bracts leafy, usually short, without sheaths. Glumes brown, more or less pointed. Styles 3-cleft. Fruits small, obovoid or nearly globular, scarcely beaked, covered with a minute down.

In hilly pastures, and moors, generally distributed over Europe, and the same, or a closely allied species, across Russian Asia and in North America. *Fl. early summer.*

29. **Downy Carex. Carex tomentosa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2046.)

Rootstock creeping. Stems erect, slender, a foot high or more. Leaves narrow, erect, much shorter than the stem. Terminal male spikelet about an inch long; females 1 or 2, at some distance from it, oblong, erect, and nearly sessile, rather more than ½ inch long, compact, with small brown glumes. Lower bract leafy, without any sheath. Styles 3-cleft. Fruits small, ovoid or nearly globular, not beaked, downy.

In moist meadows, in central and southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus, and northward to the Baltic. In Britain, only known from a single locality near Merston, in Wiltshire. *Fl. early summer.*

30. **Slender Carex. Carex filiformis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 904.)

The habit is near that of the *distant C.* or of the *long-bracted C.*, but it

differs in its downy fruits. Rootstock creeping. Stems 1 to 2 feet high, with long, narrow leaves; the leafy bracts are also long and narrow, almost as in the *long-bracted C.*, but without or almost without sheaths. Male spikelets usually 2 or even 3, the terminal one often 1½ inches long; females 1 or 2, remote from them, nearly sessile, 6 to 9 lines long. Styles 3-cleft. Fruits near 2 lines long, ovoid, shortly beaked, and very downy.

In wet ditches, and marshes, in northern and central Europe, and Russian Asia, from the Arctic regions to central France and the Alps, and in North America. Not common in Britain, occurring chiefly in Scotland, northern England, and Ireland. *Fl. spring.*

31. **Hairy Carex. Carex hirta,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 685.)

Rootstock creeping. Stems weak, leafy, 1 to 2 feet high, and, as well as the leaves, more or less hairy. Lower bracts long and leafy, with long sheaths. Terminal male spikes 1 or 2. Females very distant, cylindrical, rather loose, an inch long or more, much like those of the *wood C.*, and the fruits, as in that species, taper into a long beak, but they are always covered with short, spreading hairs.

In woods and wet pastures, common in Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Frequent also in Britain, excepting the north of Scotland. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

32. **Pale Carex. Carex pallescens,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2185, *not good.*)

The general aspect and pale yellowish-green fruiting spikelets are like those of the *yellow C.*, but the fruits are obtuse, without any prominent beak. Stems tufted, leafy at the base, seldom above a foot high. Terminal spikelet male, light brown, about 6 lines long. Female spikelets 2 or rarely 3, shortly stalked, erect or slightly drooping, oblong, shorter than the male one, and all near under it. Bracts leafy, with a short, sheathing base, or the lowest scarcely sheathing. Styles 3-cleft. Fruits glabrous.

In marshy places, extending over Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions, and often very common, and in North America. Said to be frequent in Scotland and Ireland, but certainly less so in England. *Fl. early summer.*

33. **Long-bracted Carex. Carex extensa,** Gooden.

(Eng. Bot. t. 833.)

A tufted, rather slender species, 1 to 2 feet high, with narrow, often convolute, stiff and erect leaves. Spikelets nearly sessile, and near together at the top of the stem, or only the lower one distant, as in the *yellow C.*, but all oblong and of a brown-green, as in the *distant C.*, although usually not so long, and differing from both in the long, narrow, leafy bracts, the lowest usually much exceeding the stem. Styles 3-cleft. Fruits as in the *distant C.*, ovoid, triangular, strongly nerved, and tapering into a conical beak.

A seacoast plant, very common round the Mediterranean, and extending up the western coasts of Europe to the Baltic. It is general also round the British Isles. *Fl. early summer.*

34. Yellow Carex. *Carex flava*, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1294, and *C. Œderi*, t. 1773.)

Usually densely tufted and leafy, seldom attaining a foot in height, and acquiring frequently a yellowish hue, especially the fruiting spikelets. Leaves flat. Male terminal spikelet 6 to 9 lines long. Females 1, 2, or 3, sessile or shortly stalked and very near the male, and often 1 much lower down on a longer stalk; all erect, ovoid or oblong, or when ripe nearly globular. Bracts all leafy and sheathing at the base. Styles 3-cleft. Fruits ovoid, distinctly nerved, with a prominent beak, always very spreading or reflexed.

In turfy bogs and marshy pastures, very common in Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions, and in North America. Generally diffused over Britain. *Fl. spring and summer.* It varies much in the distance of the lower spikelets from the upper ones, and in the size of the fruits; but the small-fruited forms with short beaks, often distinguished under the name of *C. Œderi*, are very inconstant in their characters.

35. Distant Carex. *Carex distans*, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1234.)

Stems more or less tufted, slender, 1 to 2 feet high, with flat but rather narrow leaves, much shorter than the stem. Spikelets few and far apart; the terminal one male (sometimes with a small one close under it), the others female, oblong-cylindrical, ½ to 1 inch long, stalked, but often appearing sessile from the stalks being enclosed in the long sheaths of the leafy bracts. Glumes brown. Styles 3-cleft. Fruits usually rather dark-green, but sometimes yellowish, erect, rather strongly nerved or ribbed, tapering into a rather long beak.

In marshes and wet moors, or sometimes in drier pastures, especially near the sea, in Europe and western Asia, from the Mediterranean to Scandinavia, and in North America, although not an Arctic plant. Common in Britain. *Fl. summer.* It varies much in the length of the stalks of the lower spikelets and in the prominence of the ribs of the fruit. The following are the principal varieties, which are often considered as species:—

a. *Tawny distant C.* (*C. fulva*, Eng. Bot. t. 1295, and *C. speirostachya*, Suppl. t. 2770), with short, pale-coloured spikelets, and a rather long beak to the fruit.

b. *Starved distant C.* (*C. depauperata*, Eng. Bot. t. 1098), with only 4 or 5 fruits to the spikelet, but each one larger, somewhat inflated, with a very long beak.

c. *Two-nerved distant C.* (*C. binervis*, Eng. Bot. t. 1235), with darker spikelets and more angular fruits.

d. *Smooth distant C.* (*C. lævigata*, Eng. Bot. t. 1387), like the last, but the slender green spikelets often 1 to 1½ inches long, much like those of the *wood C.*, but erect, not drooping.

36. Dotted Carex. *Carex punctata*, Good.

Very much like the common seacoast form of the *distant C.*, of which it may be a mere variety; but the fruits appear to be entirely without longitudinal ribs, except the 3 angles, which are slightly prominent.

Indicated here and there in various parts of the area of the *distant C.*, and has been found in two or three localities on the west coast of England. *Fl. summer.*

37. Carnation Carex. **Carex panicea,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1505. *Carnation-grass.*)

Stems tufted, but emitting creeping runners from the base, 1 to 1½ feet high, with rather short, erect, flat leaves, more or less glaucous. Spikelets usually 3, the terminal one male, the others female, distant, erect, stalked, cylindrical, ½ to 1 inch long, often loosely imbricated; the flowers, especially in the lowest one, at some distance from each other. Bracts shortly leafy, with rather long sheaths. Glumes brown. Styles 3-cleft. Fruits ovoid, without ribs except the 3 angles, obtuse, with a very short beak or point, like those of the *glaucous C.*, from which plant this species differs chiefly in the more erect, loose female spikelets, and in the male spikelet always solitary.

In meadows and moist pastures, one of the commonest species throughout Europe and Russian Asia, occurring also in North America. Common in Britain. *Fl. early summer.* An alpine variety, not uncommon in high northern latitudes, and at considerable elevations in the mountains of central Europe, with the sheaths of the bracts looser, the spikelets darker coloured and few-flowered, and the fruits more decidedly tapering into a beak, has been distinguished as a species, under the name of *C. vaginata* (*C. Mielichoferi*, Eng. Bot. t. 2293, *C. phæostachya*, Suppl. t. 2731). It occurs in some of the Highlands of Scotland.

38. Capillary Carex. **Carex capillaris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2069.)

Stems slender, densely tufted, without creeping runners, 3 or 4 to 8 or 9 inches high, longer than the leaves. Terminal spikelets male, and small. Female spikelets 2 or 3, much lower down, but on long, thread-like peduncles, so as sometimes to exceed the male, of a rather pale colour, loose-flowered, but seldom 6 lines long. Bracts shortly leafy, the lower one with a rather long sheath. Glumes very scarious on the edges. Styles 3-cleft. Fruits 10 or 12 in each spikelet, tapering into a pointed beak.

In alpine meadows, and on moist rocks, in northern and Arctic Europe and Asia, in the high ranges of central and southern Europe to the Caucasus, and in North America. Frequent in the Scotch Highlands. *Fl. summer.*

39. Mud Carex. **Carex limosa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2043, and *C. irrigua*, Suppl. t. 2895.)

Rootstock creeping. Stem slender, from 3 inches to a foot high, with narrow leaves, sometimes as long as the stem, sometimes much shorter. Terminal male spikelet ½ to near 1 inch long. Females 1 or 2, on slender stalks, drooping, rather loose, 6 to 8 lines long. Bracts leafy, without sheaths, or with a short, scarious one. Glumes rather dark-brown, ovate, the upper ones pointed. Styles 3-cleft. Fruits rather large, roundish, compressed, scarcely pointed, and not distinctly beaked.

In bogs and mountain marshes, in northern and Arctic Europe, Russian Asia, and North America, and in the higher ranges of central Europe. In Britain, chiefly in Scotland, Ireland, and northern England. *Fl. summer.* The *C. rariflora* (Eng. Bot. t. 2516) is a high northern or Arctic variety, with the glumes almost black, and more obtuse, and only 5 or 6 fruits in each spikelet. It occurs, but rarely, in the Scotch Highlands.

40. **Glaucous Carex. Carex glauca,** Scop.

(*C. recurva*, Eng. Bot. t. 1506, *C. Micheliana*, t. 2236, and *C. stictocarpa*, Suppl. t. 2772.)

The creeping rootstock, glaucous foliage, and most of the characters, are those of the *carnation C.*, but there are generally 2 or 3 male spikelets, the female ones are rather more compact, on longer stalks, and more or less drooping when ripe, and the sheaths of the leafy bracts are usually shorter. Stems, in dry situations, 6 or 8 inches high, with short, curved leaves; in rich meadows, 1 to 1½ feet, with erect leaves as long as the stems. Female spikelets 2 or 3, varying from ½ to above 1 inch in length. Glumes dark-brown. Styles 3-cleft. Fruits ovoid, not ribbed except the 3 obtuse angles, and without any beak.

In meadows and marshes, in central and southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus, and northward far into Scandinavia, and in North America. Abundant in Britain generally, although in the north less so than the *carnation C.* *Fl. early summer.*

41. **Wood Carex. Carex sylvatica,** Huds.

(Eng. Bot. t. 995.)

Stems weak, tufted, leafy, 1 to 2 feet high. Leaves and leafy bracts flaccid, the latter with long sheaths. Terminal male spikelet solitary, about an inch long. Female spikelets 2 to 4, distant, cylindrical, loose-flowered, about an inch or rather longer; the lower ones on slender stalks, and at length more or less drooping. Glumes green, narrow, and very pointed. Styles 3-cleft. Fruit glabrous, ribbed, tapering into a long beak.

In woods, common in Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, although in the south it is rather a mountain plant. Frequent in Britain, except the north of Scotland. *Fl. early summer.*

42. **Thin-spiked Carex. Carex strigosa,** Huds.

(Eng. Bot. t. 994.)

Very near the *wood C.*, but the female spikelets are much longer, and more slender, usually above 2 inches long, the flowers at some distance from each other, the peduncles much shorter, almost concealed in the long sheaths of the bracts. Glumes green and lanceolate. Fruits tapering to a point, but not into a long beak as in the *wood C.*

In mountain woods, dispersed over central Europe; extending from France and Denmark to the Caucasus, but nowhere very common. Occurs in many parts of England and Ireland, but not in Scotland. *Fl. early summer.* It is probable that varieties of the *wood C.* are often mistaken for it.

43. **Cyperus-like Carex. Carex Pseudocyperus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 242.)

Stems tall, stout, and triangular, with long, broad leaves, as in the *pendulous C.*, but the spikelets are not above 2 inches long, more crowded at the top of the stem, on longer stalks, and remarkable for the very narrow, pointed, green glumes, and the narrow, striated, spreading fruits, ending in a long pointed, slender beak. The spikelets droop when in fruit, as in the *pendulous C.* The terminal male one has often a few female flowers at the top, or sometimes in the whole upper half. Styles 3-cleft.

In marshes and wet ditches, in central and southern Europe, extending

eastward to the Caucasus, and northward into southern Scandinavia, and in North America. Spread over a great part of England and Ireland, but not very common, and rare in Scotland, if really found there at all. *Fl. early summer.*

44. **Pendulous Carex. Carex pendula,** Huds.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2315.)

One of the largest of our *Carexes*. Stems stout, triangular, leafy, 3 to 5 feet high. Leaves long, and often near ½ inch broad. Spikelets 4 to 6 inches long, more or less drooping, the terminal one male; females 3 or 4, at some distance from the male, their stalks almost concealed in the sheaths of the long, leafy bracts. Glumes ovate-lanceolate, brown, with a green centre. Styles 3-cleft. Fruits small, crowded, ovoid, with a very short beak.

In woods and shady places, in central and southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus and northward to the Channel, but scarcely into northern Germany. In Britain, scattered over England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. early summer.*

45. **Bottle Carex. Carex ampullacea,** Gooden.

(Eng. Bot. t. 780.)

A stout, tufted species, the stems scarcely angled, 1 to 3 feet high, with long leaves. Spikelets 1 to 2 inches long or even more; males 2 or 3, the terminal one longer than the others; females 2 or 3, erect, cylindrical, compact, the lowest shortly stalked. Leafy bracts rather long, without sheaths. Styles 3-cleft. Fruits ovoid, inflated, pointed, with a rather long beak, spreading horizontally.

In bogs and marshes, in central and northern Europe, and central and Russian Asia, from northern Spain and Italy to the Arctic regions, and in North America. Generally spread over Britain. *Fl. early summer.*

46. **Bladder Carex. Carex vesicaria,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 779.)

Very near the *bottle C.*, but the stem is more angular, the spikelets rather shorter, and the fruits, although inflated as in that species, are more conical, tapering more gradually into the beak.

The geographical distribution is nearly the same as that of the *bottle C.*, extending from Spain to the Arctic regions, and all across Russian Asia into North America. In Britain, however, it is less frequent, and does not extend so far north. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

47. **Marsh Carex. Carex paludosa,** Gooden.

(Eng. Bot. t. 807.)

A stout, long-leaved species, with a creeping rootstock and triangular stems, 2 to 3 feet high. Male spikelets 2 or 3, above an inch long, and sessile. Female spikelets 2 or 3, rather distant, cylindrical, often 2 inches long, sessile, or the lowest shortly stalked. Bracts leafy, without sheaths. Glumes more or less pointed. Styles 3-cleft. Fruits ovate, slightly 3-angled, but much flattened, tapering into a very short, spreading point or beak.

In wet meadows, and marshes, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Frequent in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland, less so in the north. *Fl. spring and early summer.* A taller variety, with longer female spikelets, on longer stalks, more pointed glumes, and a more distinct beak to the fruit, has been distinguished as a

speeies under the name of *C. riparia* (Eng. Bot. t. 579). It is also said to have the minute point on the anthers more distinct: but all these characters appear to be too variable to be relied upon as specific. It grows with the smaller form, and is rather more frequent in Britain.

LXXXVIII. THE GRASS FAMILY. GRAMINEÆ.

Herbs, with stems usually hollow, except at the nodes, and alternate, narrow, parallel-veined, entire leaves, sheathing the stem at their base, but the sheaths are split open on the side opposite to the blade, and usually terminate, within the base of the blade, in a small scarious appendage called a *ligule*. Flowers in *spikelets*, arranged in terminal spikes, racemes, or panicles. Each spikelet consists usually of 3 or more chaff-like, concave scales or bracts, called *glumes*, arranged alternately on opposite sides of the spikelet, their concave faces towards the axis; the 2 lowest glumes usually empty, nearly opposite to each other, and often differently shaped from the others. The succeeding, or *flowering glumes*, enclose each a rather smaller scale called a *palea*, usually thinner, and with 2 longitudinal ribs or veins, placed either between the glume and the axis of the spikelet, with its back to the axis, or apparently opposite the glume at the end of the axis. Within the palea, or apparently between the flowering glume and the palea, is the real flower, consisting usually of 2 minute, almost microscopical scales called *lodicules*, of 3 (rarely 2) stamens, and of a 1-celled, 1-ovuled ovary, crowned by 2 more or less feathery styles. The name of *flower*, however, is here, as in other works, generally meant to include the flowering glume and palea. Fruit 1-seeded and seed-like, called a *grain* or *caryopsis*, consisting of the real seed and pericarp, enclosed in, and often adhering to, the persistent *palea*, and often also enclosed in the more or less hardened flowering glume. Embryo small, at the base of a mealy albumen.

Such is the general plan upon which the flowers of Grasses are arranged, but there are many variations which require to be carefully attended to in discriminating the genera of this most natural, but somewhat difficult family. Where the spikelet contains but one flower, its flowering glume and inner palea appear often almost opposite to each other, like an inner pair of glumes within the outer empty ones. Sometimes there are three or even more outer, empty glumes, either passing gradually into the shape of the flowering ones, or one or two, very differently shaped (usually much smaller), are placed between the outer empty pair and the flowering one; or the axis of the spikelet terminates in one or more rudimentary, empty glumes. Occasionally one flower, either below or above the perfect one, has stamens only, and some exotic species are always monœcious or

dicecious. Frequently the midrib of the flowering glumes alone, or of the intermediate empty ones alone, or of all the glumes, is prolonged into a bristle, sometimes very long, called an *awn*, and this awn is either terminal, proceeding from the point of the glume or from a notch at the top, or is inserted lower down, on its back, or at its very base. Sometimes the whole spikelet contains only two glumes, one empty, the other flowering, with or even without a palea, or is reduced to a single flowering glume and palea. Many botanists restrict the name of *glume* to the outer empty pair, calling both the flowering glumes and their palea, *paleas* or *glumellas*, and giving the name of *sterile florets* to all other empty glumes in the spikelet, or even to a small prolongation of the axis which is often observable at the outer base of the palea of the terminal flowers. The leaves of *Grasses* are frequently described as *convolute*, that is, rolled inwards on the edges, but this character is often very deceptive in dried specimens, for in many species the leaves are perfectly flat when growing, but roll inwards in drying immediately on being gathered.

Grasses are abundantly diffused over the whole world, from the utmost limits of phænogamous vegetation towards the Poles or on alpine summits, to the burning plains of the Equator. In temperate regions they form the principal mass of the green carpeting of the soil, whilst in tropical regions some species (the *Bamboos*) attain the height of tall trees. They supply us with one of the most important articles of food for man, in the shape of grain, and for cattle as constituting the chief portion of meadows and pastures.

1 { Spikelets 1-flowered 2
  { Spikelets containing 2 or more flowers 23

2 { Spikelets arranged along one side of a slender, simple, linear spike 3
  { Spikelets arranged along one side of the simple linear branches of the panicle . . 5
  { Spikelets arranged in a close, cylindrical or ovate spike or spike-like panicle . . 7
  { Spikelets arranged in a loose, branching panicle 16

Spikelets 1-*flowered, in one-sided linear spikes.*

3 { Glume 1 only, ending in a fine point, and enclosing the palea and flower . 24. Nard.
  { Two outer empty glumes and a flowering one 4

4 { Outer glumes 1 line long, thin and obtuse. Axis not jointed . 10. Chamagrostis.
  { Outer glumes 2 lines long, stiff, and strongly ribbed. Axis jointed . 23. Lepturus.

5 { Spikelets in pairs or clusters along the branches . . . . . 3. Panicum.
  { Spikelets single along the branches 6

6 { Spikelets half an inch long, laterally flattened. Glumes strongly keeled, erect. 22. Spartina.
  { Spikelets about a line long. Outer glumes spreading . . . . . 21. Cynodon.

Spikelets 1-*flowered, in a dense spike or spike-like panicle.*

7 { Outer glumes without awns. Flowering glumes with or without awns 8
  { All the glumes awned 13

8 { Only 2 nearly equal empty glumes enclosing the flower 9
  { An additional small empty glume outside the 2 equal ones . . . . 3. Panicum.
  { Two additional small, awned, empty glumes, withinside the 2 equal ones. 5. Anthoxanth.

9 { Outer glumes swollen and shining at the base. Spikelets rather small . 14. Nitgrass.
  { Onter glumes keeled or boat-shaped 10

10 { A tuft of hairs at the base of the flower, within the outer glumes. Reed-like grass with a very long spike . . . . . 15. Maram.
   { No tuft of hairs outside the flower within the outer glumes. Spikelets flat . . . 11

11 { Flowering glume with a fine awn on its back (sometimes shorter than the outer glume). No inner palea . . . . . 9. Foxtail.
   { Flowering glumes without awns. Inner palea present 12

12 { Keel of the outer glumes expanded into a flat wing . . . . . 6. Phalaris.
   { Keel of the outer glumes not winged . . . . . 8. Phleum.

13 { Spikelets 3 together on each tooth of the simple, close, cylindrical spike, 1 or 2 of each cluster reduced to a pair of empty glumes . . . . . 26. Barley.
   { Spikelets small and numerous, in a close spike-like panicle, all containing flowers . 14

14 { Flowering glumes without awns . . . . . 8. PHLEUM.
{ Flowering glumes awned as well as the outer ones 15

15 { Spike ovate, with softly silky hairs . . . . . 11. HARE'S-TAIL.
{ Spike cylindrical or branched, not hairy . . . . . 12. BEARDGRASS.

Spikelets 1-flowered, in a loose panicle.

16 { Spikelets ovate, obtuse or scarcely acute 17
{ Spikelets lanceolate, very pointed 19

17 { Spikelets very flat, consisting of only 2 glumes, both keeled . . . . 1. LEERSIA.
{ Spikelets scarcely flattened. Two outer empty glumes about the size of the flowering one 18

18 { Spikelets rather large, containing within the outer glumes, besides the flower, a small, wedge-shaped, terminal, glume or rudimentary flower . . . . . 38. MELICK.
{ Spikelets small, containing nothing besides the flower within the outer glumes. 2. MILIUM.

19 { Small tufts of hairs or hairy appendages at the base of the flower within the outer glumes 20
{ No hairs or hairy appendage at the base of the flower within the outer glumes . 21

20 { No awns. A small hairy appendage at the base of the flower on each side. 7. DIGRAPHIS.
{ Flowering glume with a short fine awn. A tuft of hairs at the base of the flower. 16. SMALLBEEN.

21 { Awns to all the glumes . . . . . 12. BEARDGRASS.
{ Awns (often very small) to the flowering glume only. Outer glumes pointed, but not awned . . . . . 22.

22 { Outer glumes swollen and very shining at the base . . . . . 14. NITGRASS.
{ Outer glumes not enlarged at the base . . . . . 13. AGROSTIS.

23 { Spikelets all sessile in a simple spike (branched only in accidental luxuriant specimens) 25
{ Spikelets single or clustered, in a loose and spreading or close and spike-like panicle 24

24 { Awns to some or all the glumes 30
{ Spikelets entirely without awns 39

Spikelets 2- or more flowered, sessile in a simple spike.

25 { Two spikelets to each tooth of the spike . . . . . 25. LYMEGRASS.
{ Spikelets all solitary 26
{ Spikelets clustered along the axis of the spike 40

26 { Spikelets with their sides to the main axis of the spike 27
{ Spikelets with one edge (the backs of the glumes) to the main axis 28

27 { Outer glumes nearly equal. Spikelets very closely sessile or indented . 27. TRITICUM.
{ Outer glumes unequal. Spikelets almost sessile . . . . . 29. FALSE-BROME.

28 { One empty glume at the base of each spikelet (except the terminal one). Spikelets indented in the axis . . . . . 28. LOLIUM.
{ Two empty glumes at the base of each spikelet. Spikelets almost sessile . . . 29

29 { Perennial. Spikelets 6 lines long or more . . . . . *Meadow* FESCUE.
{ Annual. Spikelets not above 3 lines long . . . . . *Darnel* POA.

Spikelets 2- or more flowered, panicled, awned.

30 { Flowering glumes all awned 31
{ Spikelets with 1 awnless perfect flower, and 1 awned male flower 37

31 { Awns inserted on the back of the flowering glumes below the centre. Hairs on the axis between the flowers short 32
{ Awns terminal. Flowering glumes surrounded by hairs longer than themselves. 42. REED.
{ Awns terminal or from above the centre. Axis of the spikelet without hairs . . 34

32 { Spikelets 2-flowered 33
{ Spikelets 3- or more flowered . . . . . 18. OAT.

33 { Spikelets 2 lines or less. Awn fine, scarcely protruding beyond the glumes. 17. AIRA.
{ Spikelets 3 or 4 lines long. Awn exserted. One of the flowers male only. 19. FALSE-OAT.

34 { Awns quite or very nearly terminal, sometimes reduced to a very short point . . 35
{ Membranous edges of the glumes projecting in 2 points beyond the base of the awns. 30. BROME.

35 { Spikelets crowded in a close spike or dense clusters 36
{ Panicle loose or contracted into a long one-sided spike . . . . . 31. FESCUE.

36 { Outer spikelet of each cluster consisting of empty glumes only . . 33. DOG'S-TAIL.
{ All the spikelets containing flowers . . . . . 32. COCK'S-FOOT.

37 { One terminal awnless flower and a lower male flower awned . . . . 3. PANICUM.
{ Awnless flower the lowest, with a terminal awned male one 38

38 { Outer glumes 2 to 3 lines, completely enclosing the flowers and their awns. 20. HOLCUS.
{ Outer glumes 3 to 5 lines, the flowers or at least their awns protruding. 19. FALSE-OAT.

Spikelets 2- or more flowered, awnless, panicled or in a compound spike.

39 { Spikelets 2 or 3 together to each notch of an apparently simple spike. 25. LYMEGRASS.
{ Spikelets sessile, in close clusters in an apparently simple spike or spike-like panicle 40
{ Spikelets more or less stalked, in a loose or contracted panicle 42

40 { A small bract at the base of the spikelets or clusters . . . . . 41. SESLERIA.
{ Outer spikelet of each cluster consisting of empty glumes . . . 33. DOG'S-TAIL.
{ Spikelets all containing flowers without bracts at the base of the clusters . . . 41

41 { Spike cylindrical or slightly interrupted. Flowering glumes white and membranous. 40. KŒLERIA.
{ Clusters one-sided, in an irregular spike or close panicle. Glumes herbaceous and rigid . . . . . 32. COCK'S-FOOT.

42 { Outer glumes enclosing the flowers or nearly so 43
{ Outer glumes shorter than the flowers 44

43 { Glumes obtuse, coloured. Two flowers with a wedge-shaped rudimentary glume. 38. MELICK.
{ Outer glumes very acute. About 3 flowers in the spikelet, all perfect, with 3-toothed glumes . . . . . 39. TRIODIA.
{ Glumes all acute. Two male flowers and 1 smaller perfect one in the spikelet. 4. HOLYGRASS.

44 { Outer glume very small. Second broadly truncate at the top, and often coloured. Flowers 2 in the spikelet . . . . . 36. CATABROSE.
{ Outer glumes pointed or obtuse, not truncate. Flowers usually 3 or more . . 45

45 { Spikelets broadly ovate or orbicular. Glumes closely packed and very spreading. 34. QUAKEGRASS.
{ Spikelets oblong or linear 46

46 { Flowering glumes rounded on the back, at least at the base 47
{ Flowering glumes keeled on the back 48

47 { Flowering glumes obtuse or rather acute . . . . . 35. POA.
{ Flowering glumes very pointed or shortly awned . . . . . 31. FESCUE.

48 { Flowering glumes very pointed. Flowers about 3, with a bristle-like continuation of the axis . . . . . 37. MOLINIA.
{ Flowering glumes obtuse or acute. Flowers 3 or more, the last terminal . . 35. POA.

The limits of the numerous genera into which *Grasses* are divided are as yet far from being definitively fixed. Some are by no means natural, and those which are so have not always any definite characters. They have also been variously distributed into tribes, according to the special views of their structure entertained by different botanists. Taking however those which are now the most generally adopted, the eight following Tribes are represented in Britain. It will be observed, at the same time, that the short characters here given are by no means absolute, a few species (as, for instance, the *common Leersia*) being occasionally exceptional, or even in apparent contradiction to the general character of the tribe in which they are placed.

* *Spikelets with one perfect terminal flower, with or without a male or imperfect flower below it.* (PANICACEÆ.)

1. ORYZEÆ. Stamens more than 3 (except in 2 or 3 *Leersias*). *Genus*,—1. LEERSIA.
2. PANICEÆ. Flowering glumes of a firmer texture than the empty ones below it. *Genera*:—2. MILIUM; 3. PANICUM.
3. PHALARIDEÆ. Two male or imperfect flowers or minute rudimentary glumes below the perfect flower besides the outer empty glumes. *Genera*:—4. HOLYGRASS; 5. ANTHOXANTH; 6. PHALARIS; 7. DIGRAPHIS.

** *Spiketets with one or more perfect flowers, the male or rudimentary flowers, if any, terminal.* (POACEÆ.)

4. AGROSTIDEÆ. Spikelets 1-flowered, usually pedicellate. *Genera*:—8. PHLEUM;

9. Foxtail; 10. Chamagrostis; 11. Hare's-tail; 12. Beardgrass; 13. Agrostis; 14. Nitgrass; 15. Maram; 16. Smallreed.

5. Avenreæ. Spikelets 2- or few-flowered, pedicellate. Flowering glumes usually shorter than the outer ones, their awns often bent or twisted. *Genera:*—17. Aira; 18. Oat; 19. False-Oat; 20. Holcus.

6. Chlorideæ. Spikelets 1- or several-flowered, sessile along one side of the simple linear branches of the panicle. *Genera:*—21. Cynodon; 22. Spartina.

7. Hordeineæ. Spikelets 1- or several-flowered, sessile in the notches of a simple spike. *Genera:*—23. Lepturus; 24. Nard; 25. Lymegrass; 26. Barley; 27. Triticum; 28. Lolium; 29. False-Brome.

8. Festuceæ. Spikelets several-flowered, pedicellate. Awns, if any, straight. *Genera:*—30. Brome; 31. Fescue; 32. Cock's-foot; 33. Dog's-tail; 34. Quakegrass; 35. Poa; 36. Catabrose; 37. Molinia; 38. Melick; 39. Triodia; 40. Kœleria; 41. Sesleria; 42. Reed.

Among the exotic genera occasionally cultivated in our fields or gardens may be mentioned *Rye* (*Secale cereale*), the *Maize* or *Indian Corn* (*Zea Mays*), and the *Feather-grass* (*Stipa pennata*). The latter plant, a native of southern Europe, has by some mistake been inserted in some British Floras as having been found in Westmoreland.

I. **LEERSIA.** LEERSIA.

Spikelets loosely panicled, 1-flowered, flat, consisting of only 2 glumes, both of them keeled, without outer empty glumes or inner 2-nerved palea. Stamens in the British species 3, in most exotic ones 6, 2, or 1.

A small genus, chiefly American, with 2 or 3 of the species spread over the warmer regions of the old world and Australia. It is doubtful whether in this and other genera of *Oryzeæ* the inner glume should be considered as an anomalous palea, or as the flowering glume without any palea.

1. **Common Leersia. Leersia oryzoides,** Sw.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2908.)

Stems about 2 feet high, the leaves, especially their sheaths, very rough. Panicle, when fully developed, loosely branched, spreading, 6 or 8 inches long, but in the British specimens usually much shorter, and partially included in the sheath of the last leaf. Spikelets numerous, all turning in one direction, 2 to nearly 3 lines long; the outer glume rather broad, with 2 nerves on each side of the keel; the inner one much narrower, with 1 faint nerve on each side.

In wet places, ditches, and marshes, common in North America, extending over a great part of Asia, and more sparingly across central Europe to northern Italy, France, and Denmark. In Britain, only recently discovered in Hampshire, Sussex, and Surrey. *Fl. autumn.*

II. **MILIUM.** MILIUM.

Spikelets loosely panicled, 1-flowered, without awns. Empty glumes 2, concave, nearly equal. Flowering glume concave, of a firmer texture, hard and shining when in fruit.

A genus of very few species, but widely dispersed over the globe; differing from *Panicum* chiefly by the want of the outermost small glume, from the large tropical genus *Paspalum* only in inflorescence.

1. **Spreading Milium. Milium effusum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1106.)

A tall, slender Grass, often 4 or 5 feet high, with rather short, flat leaves,

and a long, loose, slender and spreading panicle of small, pale-green or purple spikelets. Empty glumes concave but not keeled, 1 to 1½ lines long, nearly smooth. Flowering glume almost as long, very smooth and shining. Palea nearly similar but rather smaller, faintly 2-nerved, and notched at the top.

In moist woods, widely spread over Europe, Russian Asia, and North America, extending from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle. Common in Britain. *Fl. summer.*

III. **PANICUM.** PANICUM.

Spikelets either in a loose or close and spike-like panicle, or along one side of the simple branches of a panicle, usually small, 1-flowered, rarely awned. Outer glumes usually 3; the lowest small, sometimes very minute, the next always empty, the third empty or with an imperfect or male flower in its axil. Flowering glume concave, of a firmer texture, hard when in fruit. Palea like the flowering glume, but rather smaller, and more or less 2-nerved.

A vast genus, chiefly tropical or North American, with a very few species spreading into Russian Asia and Europe, including most of the cultivated *Millets* of southern Europe, Africa, and Asia. It is in most cases easily recognized by the small outer glumes, although in some species reduced to an almost microscopical scale.

Spikelets 2 together, along one side of the linear, digitate branches of the panicle. (Digitaria.)
- Spike-like branches of the panicle 2 to 4 inches long . . . . . 1. *Fingered P.*
- Spike-like branches not above an inch long . . . . . 2. *Glabrous P.*

Spikelets crowded in a simple or branched, spike-like panicle.
- Spike-like panicle cylindrical, the spikelets intermixed with numerous long, awn-like bristles. (Setaria.)
  - Bristles rough with reversed hairs, felt as the spike is drawn downwards through the hand . . . . . 3. *Rough P.*
  - Bristles rough with erect hairs, felt as the spike is pushed upwards through the hand.
    - Flowering glume marked with transverse wrinkles . . . . . 4. *Glaucous P.*
    - Flowering glume not wrinkled . . . . . 5. *Green P.*
- Panicle pyramidal, without awn-like bristles, but the spikelets sometimes coarsely awned (Echinochloa) . . . . . 6. *Cockspur P.*

1. **Fingered Panicum. Panicum sanguinale,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 849. *Digitaria*, Brit. Fl.)

An annual, with stems from 1 to 2 feet long, more or less spreading or creeping at the base, then ascending or erect. Leaves flat, more or less hairy. The panicle consists of 2 to 6 or rarely more, simple, slender branches, 2 to 4 inches long, and all spreading from nearly the same point at the top of the peduncle so as to appear digitate. Spikelets in pairs along one side of these branches, one sessile, the other shortly stalked, each about 1 line long. Outermost glume very minute, almost microscopic; the second concave, and about half the length of the third, which is nearly flat, and 5-nerved. Flowering glume about the same length, very smooth, and awnless.

One of the commonest weeds in all tropical and warm countries, becoming less frequent in central Europe, and scarcely extending into Russian Asia beyond the Caspian. In Britain, only as an introduced weed of cultivation in the south of England. *Fl. the whole season.*

2. **Glabrous Panicum. Panicum glabrum,** Gaud.

(*Digitaria humifusa,* Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2613.)

Very much like the *fingered P.*, but a much smaller plant; the panicle has only 2 or 3 spike-like branches, each scarcely above an inch long, and the spikelets are fewer. The outermost glume is, as in the last species, very minute, but the two next empty ones are both about the same length as the flowering glume.

A weed of warm climates, like the last, but rather less tropical, more generally spread over central Europe, extending northward to southern Scandinavia, and better established in the south of England. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

3. **Rough Panicum. Panicum verticillatum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 874. *Setaria*, Brit. Fl.)

A glabrous, erect annual, 1 to 2 feet high, with flat leaves, rough on the edges. Spikelets small, crowded into a cylindrical but rather loose, compound spike (or rather, spike-like panicle), 1 to 2 inches long, interspersed with numerous bristles, 2 or 3 lines long, inserted under the spikelets but projecting beyond them. These are rough with minute hairs, reversed so as to cling to the hand when the spike is drawn downwards through the fingers. Outer glume very small, the two next about the length of the flowering one.

In cultivated and waste places, very common in southern Europe, and generally spread over central Europe to the Baltic, and eastward into Russian Asia, but much rarer in hot countries than the two following species. In Britain, it appears occasionally in the south of England. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

4. **Glaucous Panicum. Panicum glaucum,** Linn.

(*Setaria*, Brit. Fl.)

An erect annual, very much like the *rough P.*, but of a paler green; the spike or spike-like panicle more compact and regularly cylindrical, 1 to 1½ inches long, with very numerous projecting bristles. These are but slightly rough with minute erect teeth, so as only to be felt as the spike is pushed upwards through the fingers. Spikelets rather larger than in the *rough P.*; the flowering glume marked with numerous transverse wrinkles, visible especially as the seed ripens, and the second glume is rather shorter.

One of the commonest weeds of cultivation throughout the warmer regions of the globe, abundant in southern Europe, less so in central Europe, not extending into Scandinavia. In Britain, only occasionally introduced into southern England. *Fl. all summer and autumn.*

5. **Green Panicum. Panicum viride,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 875. *Setaria*, Brit. Fl.)

Closely resembles the *glaucous P.*, but the flowering glume has no transverse wrinkles, and the 2 inner empty ones are both about the same length.

With the same geographical range as the *glaucous P.*, this is, however, much less common in tropical countries, but more so in central Europe, extending eastward all across Russian Asia, and northward into southern Scandinavia. In Britain, it is also rather better established in the south

of England than the other species, except the *glabrous P.* *Fl. summer and autumn.*

6. **Cockspur Panicum. Panicum Crus-galli,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 876. *Echinochloa*, Bab. Man.)

A coarse, decumbent, rather broad-leaved annual. Panicle 4 to 6 inches long, irregularly pyramidal, and rather one-sided; the spikelets larger than in the preceding species, crowded or clustered along the spike-like branches, the lowest of which are 1 to 2 inches long, diminishing gradually to the top. Lowest glume very short and broad, the next about the length of the flower, empty and awnless, the third about as long, ending in either a short point or a long, coarse awn, and has often a thin palea in its axil. Flowering glume awnless, smooth and shining.

Almost as common and widely-spread a weed of hot countries, especially in the old world, as the *fingered P.* and the *glaucous P.*, and more abundant than either of them in temperate Europe and Russian Asia, extending northwards to southern Scandinavia. In Britain, occasionally only, as a weed of cultivation in southern England. *Fl. the whole summer and autumn.*

IV. **HOLYGRASS.** HIEROCHLOE.

Panicle loose and spreading (in some exotic species narrow and crowded). Spikelets 3-flowered; the 2 lower flowers male only, with 3 stamens; the uppermost smaller but hermaphrodite, with 2 stamens. Glumes all scarious, boat-shaped, keeled, and pointed; the outer empty ones as long as the flowers.

A genus of several species, spread over the colder regions of both the northern and southern hemispheres, and closely allied on the one hand to *Anthoxanth*, on the other to *Holcus*.

1. **Northern Holygrass. Hierochloe borealis,** Rœm. et Sch.
(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2641.)

A perennial, from ¾ to 1½ feet high, with a creeping rootstock, and flat leaves, usually short. Panicle spreading, about 2 inches long, with slender branches. Spikelets ovate, of a shining brown; the outer glumes very pointed, near 3 lines long, and glabrous. Two lower flowering glumes attaining to the length of the outer one, but rough on the outside with short hairs, each enclosing a 2-nerved palea and 3 stamens. Upper flowering glume smaller and nearly glabrous, enclosing a still smaller 1-nerved palea (or glume?), 2 stamens, and the pistil.

In mountain pastures and waste places, at high latitudes, in northern and Arctic Europe, Asia, and America, descending southwards to northern Germany, and to the mountains of south-eastern Germany, and reappearing in New Zealand. In Britain, only near Thurso, in Caithness, where it has been recently detected by Mr. R. Dick. *Fl. summer.*

V. **ANTHOXANTH.** ANTHOXANTHUM.

Spikelets 1-flowered, narrow, pedicellate, but crowded into a cylindrical

spike or spike-like panicle. Two outer glumes unequal, keeled, pointed but not awned; the 2 next also empty, shorter than the outer ones, narrow, hairy; one with a small awn on its back, the other with a longer awn arising from its base; flowering glume still shorter, much broader, obtuse and awnless. Palea narrow and scarious, with a central nerve like the glumes. Stamens only 2.

The genus consists but of a single species.

1. **Sweet Anthoxanth. Anthoxanthum odoratum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 647. *Vernal Grass.*)

A rather slender, erect perennial, 1 to 2 feet high, and quite glabrous. Spike-like panicle 1½ to 2 inches long. Outer glumes very pointed; the inner one of the two about 3 lines long, the outermost seldom above half that length. Inner glumes usually quite included in them, or rarely the longest awn slightly protrudes.

In meadows and pastures, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions. Abundant in Britain, imparting a sweet scent to new-made hay. *Fl. spring and early summer, and often again in autumn.*

VI. **PHALARIS.** PHALARIS.

Spikelets 1-flowered, broad and very flat, densely crowded into an ovoid or cylindrical spike or spike-like panicle as in *Phleum*, but the glumes have the keel projecting into a scarious wing, and there are usually 1 or 2 minute scales or rudimentary glumes between the outer empty glumes and the flowering one.

A small genus, chiefly from the Mediterranean region and central Asia.

1. **Canary Phalaris. Phalaris canariensis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1310.)

An erect, leafy annual, 2 to 3 feet high, with a densely imbricated, ovoid, spike-like panicle, 1 to 1½ inches long, variegated with green and white, and quite glabrous. Outer glumes very flat, 3 to 4 lines long, acute but not awned, white on the edges, with a broad green line down each side. Flowering glume much shorter, narrow and pointed, smooth and shining, hardening round the seed as it ripens.

A native of southern Europe or northern Africa, much cultivated as *Canary-seed* in many parts of central and even northern Europe, and frequently appearing as a weed of cultivation. In Britain, only known as such in some parts of southern England. *Fl. summer.*

VII. **DIGRAPHIS.** DIGRAPHIS.

A single species, often united with *Phalaris*, of which it has the rudimentary glumes immediately under the flowering ones, but it is very different in inflorescence, and the outer glumes are not winged on the keel.

1. **Reed Digraphis. Digraphis arundinacea,** Trin.

(*Phalaris*, Eng. Bot. t. 402.)

A reed-like perennial, 2 to 3 feet high, with rather broad, long leaves,

densely tufted at its base. Spikelets very numerous, in a panicle 6 to 8 inches long, rather compact, but not closely imbricated nor spike-like as in *Phalaris* and *Phleum;* the lower branches often spreading. Outer glumes about 2 lines long, lanceolate and pointed, but not awned, keeled but not winged, pale-green or whitish with green nerves. Flowering glume smooth and shining, and hardened round the seed as in *Phalaris*, with two minute linear hairy scales or rudimentary glumes at its base, one on each side.

On river-banks and in marshes, in Europe, Russian Asia, and North America, extending from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions. Common in Britain. *Fl. summer.* A variety with variegated leaves is often cultivated in gardens under the name of *Striped-grass* or *Ribbon-grass.*

VIII. **PHLEUM.** PHLEUM.

Spikelets 1-flowered, flat, and crowded into a cylindrical or ovoid spike or spike-like panicle. Outer glumes boat-shaped, their keels projecting into a point or very short awn. Flowering glume shorter, very thin, awnless or with a very short awn on the back. Palea very thin, sometimes with a minute bristle at its base outside, which is the continuation of the axis of the spikelet.

A small genus, widely spread over the temperate and colder regions of the northern hemisphere, distinguished from *Foxtail* chiefly by the presence of the palea.

Outer glumes truncate and broadly scarious below the point.
- Spike long and cylindrical. Points of the glumes not half so long as the glume itself . . . . . 1. *Timothy P.*
- Spike short, ovoid or oblong. Points or awns of the glumes nearly as long as or longer than the glume itself . . . . . 2. *Alpine P.*

Outer glumes tapering into a minute point.
- Perennial. Glumes linear-lanceolate . . . . . 3. *Bœhmer's P.*
- Annual.
  - Glumes wedge-shaped, less than a line long; the lateral ribs inconspicuous. Spike long and slender . . . . . 4. *Rough P.*
  - Glumes lanceolate, strongly ciliated on the keel, 1½ lines long; the lateral ribs prominent. Spike short . . . . . 5. *Sand P.*

1. **Timothy Phleum. Phleum pratense,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1076. *Timothy-grass. Cat's-tail.*)

A perennial, 1 to 3 feet high; the leaves rather soft, although rough on the edges. Spike (or spike-like panicle) cylindrical and very compact, from 1 to 3 or even 4 inches long, with very numerous small spikelets. Outer glumes about a line long, with broad, scarious edges, truncate at the top; the green keel slightly ciliate and projecting into a point shorter than the glume itself. Flowering glume entirely included in the outer ones and closely covering the palea; the stamens and styles protruding from the top.

In meadows and pastures, in Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. early summer, and often again in autumn.*

2. **Alpine Phleum. Phleum alpinum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 519.)

Perennial like the last, but usually of much lower stature; the sheaths of

the upper leaves very loose or inflated. Spike ovoid or oblong, seldom an inch long, usually assuming a purplish hue. Outer glumes truncate as in the *Timothy P.*, but the keel lengthened into an awn, varying from 1 to 2 lines in length.

In alpine pastures, in northern and Arctic Europe, Asia, and America, and in the mountain-chains of central and southern Europe, the Caucasus and Altai, reappearing in Antarctic America. In Britain, only in the higher Scottish mountains. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Bœhmer's Phleum. Phleum Bœhmeri,** Schrad.

(*Phalaris phleoides*, Eng. Bot. t. 459.)

An erect perennial, like the *Timothy P.* but usually smaller, with shorter leaves, the sheaths not enlarged. Spike cylindrical, 1 to 3 inches long, not quite so dense as in the *Timothy P.* Outer glumes narrow-lanceolate, tapering into a minute point, without hairs on the keel, and with a narrow, scarious edge. Flowering glume much smaller. Palea with a minute bristle at its base outside.

In dry fields, and waste places, generally dispersed over Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Rare in Britain, and chiefly found in some of the eastern counties of England. *Fl. summer, rather early.*

4. **Rough Phleum. Phleum asperum,** Jacq.

(*P. paniculatum*, Eng. Bot. t. 1077.)

An annual, 6 inches to a foot high, with a cylindrical spike like that of the *Bœhmer's P.*, but the spikelets are smaller and more numerous. Outer glumes less than a line long, of a firm texture, smooth or scarcely rough, narrow at the base, enlarged upwards, and contracted rather suddenly into a very short point, the lateral nerves scarcely prominent. Flowering glume very small.

In dry fields, and waste places, in central and southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus, and northward into eastern France and central Germany. Rare in Britain, if indeed it really exists in Cambridgeshire and the few other English counties where it has been indicated. *Fl. summer.*

5. **Sand Phleum. Phleum arenarium,** Linn.

(*Phalaris*, Eng. Bot. t. 222.)

An erect annual, 6 to 8 inches high, with short leaves. Spike ¾ to 1¼ inches long, dense and nearly cylindrical, but more or less tapering at the base. Spikelets about 1½ lines long. Outer glumes lanceolate, tapering into a short point; the keel ciliate with stiff hairs, and a very prominent nerve on each side. Flowering glume not one-third the length of the outer ones.

In maritime sands, chiefly in western Europe, extending, however, far along the shores of the Baltic in the north, and the Mediterranean in the south. Common on the coasts of England and Ireland, but rare in Scotland. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

IX. **FOXTAIL.** ALOPECURUS.

Spikelets 1-flowered, flat, and densely crowded into a cylindrical spike or

spike-like panicle. Outer glumes boat-shaped, with a prominent keel, but not awned. Flowering glume shorter, with a very slender awn inserted on the back (sometimes concealed under the outer glumes). Palea entirely wanting.

A small genus, widely spread over the temperate and colder regions of both the northern and southern hemispheres, resembling *Phleum* in habit, but easily distinguished by the absence of the palea.

Annual. Outer glumes 3 lines long, united to the middle, glabrous or nearly so . . . . . 1. *Slender F.*
Perennials or rarely annuals. Outer glumes less than 3 lines, free or united at the base only; the keel hairy.
Spikes long. Awns more or less prominent.
Stem erect or nearly so. Glumes lanceolate, about 2 lines. Awns twice as long . . . . . 2. *Meadow F.*
Stems procumbent at the base. Glumes not 1½ lines. Awns not twice as long . . . . . 3. *Marsh F.*
Spikes short. Awns scarcely exceeding the outer glumes . . . . . 4. *Alpine F.*

1. **Slender Foxtail. Alopecurus agrestis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 848.)

An annual, 1 to 2 feet high, erect or slightly decumbent at the base. Leaves rather short, with long, not very loose sheaths. Spike 2 to 3 inches long, thinner and more pointed than in the other species; the spikelets fewer, longer (about 3 lines), not so flat nor so closely imbricated, and usually quite glabrous; the 2 outer glumes united to about the middle, the hair-like awn of the flowering one projecting 2 or 3 lines beyond them.

In waste places, on roadsides, etc., in central and southern Europe and across Russian Asia, extending northward to southern Scandinavia. In Britain, frequent in the south of England, decreasing northwards; in Scotland only when accidentally introduced, and not mentioned in the Irish Flora. *Fl. the whole season.*

2. **Meadow Foxtail. Alopecurus pratensis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 759.)

Rootstock perennial and shortly creeping, the stems erect or scarcely decumbent at the base, 1 to 2 feet high. Sheaths of the upper leaves rather loose. Spike 2 to 3 inches long, very dense, rather obtuse; the spikelets very numerous and flat, 2 to nearly 3 lines long. Outer glumes free or scarcely united at the base, with short hairs on the keel, which give to the spike a soft, hairy aspect. The hair-like awns project 2 to 4 lines beyond the outer glumes.

In meadows and pastures, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions, and naturalized in several parts of the globe. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. spring and summer.*

3. **Marsh Foxtail. Alopecurus geniculatus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1250.)

A perennial like the *meadow F.*, or sometimes annual. Stem usually procumbent at the base, bending upwards at the lower nodes. Sheaths of the upper leaves rather loose. Spike 1 to 2 inches long, closely imbricated like that of the *meadow F.*, but more slender, with much smaller spikelets. Outer glumes hairy on the keel, not so pointed as in the *meadow F.*, and scarcely above a line long, the hair-like awns not projecting above a line beyond them.

In moist meadows, and marshy places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions, and naturalized in other parts of the globe. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. all summer.* A slight variety, with still shorter awns, has been described under the name of *A. fulvus* (Eng. Bot. t. 1467), and in some localities, especially near the sea, the stems thicken at the base into a kind of bulb, which state has also been distinguished as a species, under the name of *A. bulbosus* (Eng. Bot. t. 1249).

4. **Alpine Foxtail. Alopecurus alpinus,** Sm.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1126.)

Rootstock creeping and stems erect, as in the *meadow F.*, but usually not so tall, and the sheaths of the upper leaves looser. Spike ovoid or shortly cylindrical, seldom above an inch long unless cultivated, and softly silky with the rather long hairs which cover the glumes. Spikelets closely imbricated, rather smaller than in the *meadow F.;* the awns either included within the outer glumes or scarcely projecting beyond them.

A high northern plant, extending from east Arctic Europe across Arctic Asia and America, and reappearing in the Antarctic regions. In Britain, it occurs in the higher mountains of Scotland, although unknown in Scandinavia. *Fl. summer.*

X. **CHAMAGROSTIS.** CHAMAGROSTIS.

A single species, differing from *Agrostis* chiefly in the inflorescence, which is a simple spike nearer that of the *Hordeineæ*, although the spikelets are not closely sessile enough to remove it to that tribe.

1. **Dwarf Chamagrostis. Chamagrostis minima,** Borkh.
(*Knappia agrostidea*, Eng. Bot. t. 1127.)

A little, tufted annual, seldom 3 inches high. Leaves short and narrow, with very thin sheaths. Spikelets small, purplish, almost sessile in a simple slender spike, about half an inch long. Outer glumes nearly equal, obtuse, about a line long. Flowering glume shorter, very thin and scarious, hairy outside, jagged at the top, but not awned. Palea small or sometimes none.

In sandy pastures, and waste places, in western Europe, not extending in central Europe much to the eastward of the Rhine, although in the south it reaches as far as Greece. Rare in Britain, and apparently confined to the coasts of Anglesea and the Channel Islands. *Fl. spring.*

XI. **HARE'S-TAIL.** LAGURUS.

A single species, with the characters nearly of *Smallreed,* except the inflorescence, which is that of *Foxtail.*

1. **Ovate Hare's-tail. Lagurus ovatus,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1334.)

An erect annual, from a few inches to above a foot high; the leaves hoary with a soft down, their sheaths rather swollen. Spikelets 1-flowered, very numerous, and closely crowded in an ovoid or oblong, softly hairy head, ½ to 1 inch long. Outer glumes subulate or slightly dilated at the base, about

4 lines long, feathered with long soft hairs. Flowering glume much shorter, and thin, cleft into 2 awn-like points about the length of the outer glumes, and bearing on its back a long, hair-like, bent awn, usually full twice the length of the spikelet.

In maritime sands, and waste places, common all round the Mediterranean, and extending up the west coast of Europe to the Channel Islands. *Fl. early summer.*

XII. **BEARDGRASS.** POLYPOGON.

Spikelets 1-flowered, densely crowded in a spike-like or slightly branched panicle, otherwise as in *Agrostis*, except that the outer glumes end in a fine awn.

A genus of very few species, but widely spread over a great part of the globe.

Awns three or four times as long as the spikelets . . . . . 1. *Annual B.*
Awns scarcely longer than the glumes themselves . . . . . 2. *Perennial B.*

1. **Annual Beardgrass. Polypogon monspeliensis,** Desf.

(*Agrostis panicea,* Eng. Bot. t. 1704.)

An annual, procumbent at the base or rarely erect, 1 to 1½ feet high, with flat, rather flaccid leaves. Panicle contracted into a cylindrical or slightly branched spike, 2 to 3 inches long, of a yellowish shining green, and thickly bearded with the numerous straight and very smooth awns. Outer glumes nearly equal, notched at the top; the fine awn proceeding from the notch, and 3 or 4 times as long as the glume itself. Flowering glume shorter, often with a short, very fine awn. Palea smaller and awnless.

In fields and waste places, on roadsides, etc., especially near the sea, common in the Mediterranean region, and eastward far into central Asia, extending up the west coast of Europe to western France, and very sparingly along the Channel to Holland. Rare in Britain, and only in some of the south-eastern counties of England. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Perennial Beardgrass. Polypogon littoralis,** Sm.

(*Agrostis,* Eng. Bot. t. 1251.)

A procumbent perennial, with the foliage nearly of the *common Agrostis.* Panicle more branched than in the *annual P.*, the glumes longer, tapering into an awn scarcely longer than the glume itself. Flowering glume small and awnless. The plant is, indeed, in habit as well as in character, almost intermediate between *Beardgrass* and *Agrostis.*

In salt-marshes, scattered here and there along the seacoasts of western Europe, the Mediterranean, and North America. In Britain, very local on the coasts of Norfolk, Essex, Kent, and Hampshire. *Fl. summer.*

XIII. **AGROSTIS.** AGROSTIS.

Spikelets small, 1-flowered, and numerous, in an elegant panicle, with slender branches often proceeding several from the same point, and either erect, forming a narrow, almost spike-like, but loose panicle, or spreading, at least at the moment of flowering. Outer glumes narrow, boat-shaped, pointed, but without awns. Flowering glume shorter, often bearing a fine

straight awn on the back below the middle. Palea much smaller or altogether wanting. The axis of the spikelet within the outer glumes glabrous or very shortly hairy.

A considerable genus, widely distributed over the surface of the globe, and (if made to include the exotic *Vilfa* and *Sporobolus*) a well marked one. Some species are commonly called *Bents* in some parts of the country, a name given by others more especially to the *crested Dog's-tail.*

Awn 2 to 4 times as long as the spikelets. Second glume longer than the lowest . . . . . 4. *Silky A.*
Awn none, or not twice as long as the spikelet. Outer glumes equal or the lowest the longest.
  Leaves flat (broad or narrow).
    Flowering glume awnless or with a very short awn at its base. Palea about half its length . . . . . 1. *Common A.*
    Flowering glume with a short awn below the middle. Palea minute or none . . . . . 2. *Brown A.*
  Leaves very fine and subulate . . . . . 3. *Bristle A.*

1. Common Agrostis. Agrostis alba, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1189, *A. stolonifera*, t. 1532, and *A. vulgaris*, t. 1671.)

An elegant but most variable perennial grass; in dry mountain pastures often densely tufted, and not above 2 or 3 inches high; in rich moist soils creeping and rooting at the base, often to a considerable extent; the flowering stems erect, 1 to 2 feet high, with a slender panicle usually very spreading when in full flower, especially in fine weather, sometimes contracted both before and after flowering. Leaves flat, rather short, but narrow. Spikelets scarcely a line long. Outer glumes nearly equal or the lowest rather the largest. Flowering glume very thin, awnless or rarely with a minute awn arising from its base. Palea usually a little less than half its length.

In pastures and waste places, wet or dry, throughout Europe, Russian and central Asia, and northern America, penetrating far into the Arctic regions, and ascending high upon alpine summits, and reappearing in the southern hemisphere. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. the whole summer.* Besides the great differences in size and stature, it varies in the more or less spreading panicle of a light-green or purplish colour, in the length of the ligula of the leaves, in the degree of prominence of the nerves of the glumes and the roughness of their keel, and in other minute particulars; but all attempts to combine these characters so as to show distinct species, or even to separate marked and permanent varieties, have hitherto failed.

2. Brown Agrostis. Agrostis canina, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1856.)

Very near the *common A.*, but the panicle is less spreading, the outer glumes longer and more pointed; the flowering one bears on its back below the middle a fine awn, which slightly protrudes beyond the outer glumes, and the palea is very minute or wholly wanting.

With the *common A.*, of which it may be a mere variety, and has apparently the same geographical range, but not generally common except perhaps in some mountain districts. Spread over the whole of Britain. *Fl. summer.*

3. Bristle Agrostis. Agrostis setacea, Curt.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1188.)

A perennial, with densely tufted leaves, mostly radical, and very finely

subulate. Stems erect, 1 to 2 feet high, with a narrow, slender panicle, always contracted except during the moment the flowers are expanded. Glumes narrow, and more pointed than in the *common A.*, the lowest always longer than the second, the flowering one with a fine awn at its base, usually slightly protruding beyond the outer glumes. Palea very minute.

On dry heaths, in western Europe, from Spain and Portugal to Holland. In Britain, only in the south-western counties of England, extending eastward to Hampshire, and perhaps Sussex and Surrey. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Silky Agrostis. Agrostis Spica-venti,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 951. *Apera*, Bab. Man.)

A rather tall, slender, and most elegant annual, with rather narrow, flat leaves. Panicle long, and usually spreading, with very slender, hair-like branches, and little shining spikelets, scarcely a line long, without the awns. Outer glumes narrow, very pointed, the second rather larger than the lowest one. Flowering glume with a hair-like awn, 3 or 4 times as long as the spikelet. Palea small, with a minute, almost microscopic appendage at its base, which is the prolongation of the axis of the spikelet.

In fields and sandy pastures, in Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions. In Britain, confined to some of the eastern counties of England. *Fl. summer.* The *A. interrupta* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2951) is a slight variety, with the spikelets more crowded, in a narrow panicle, with nearly erect branches. The anthers are also said to be shorter, but that character is very variable. It is often found with the common form passing gradually into it.

XIV. **NITGRASS.** GASTRIDIUM.

A single species, separated from *Agrostis* on account of the smooth, shining, enlarged base of the outer glumes.

1. **Awned Nitgrass. Gastridium lendigerum,** Beauv.

(*Milium*, Eng. Bot. t. 1107.)

An elegant, erect annual, 6 to 8 inches high, with flat leaves. Panicle contracted into a loose, tapering spike, 2 to 3 inches long, of a pale green, shining with a satiny or silvery lustre. Spikelets very crowded. Outer glumes near 2 lines long, narrow, and very pointed, with a short, very shining enlargement at the base, the second glume shorter than the lowest. Flowering glume very short, broad, and thin, often bearing below the summit an awn about the length of the outer glume, but as often without it. Palea nearly as long.

In fields and waste places, especially near the sea, but occasionally also inland along the valleys of large rivers. Very common in the Mediterranean region, extending up western France to the English Channel. In Britain, only in southern England. *Fl. summer.*

XV. **MARAM.** PSAMMA.

A single species, sometimes united with *Smallreed*, but more frequently considered as a distinct genus, characterized by the inflorescence, the firmer consistence of the glumes, without any awn to the flowering one.

1. **Sea Maram. Psamma arenaria,** Beauv.

(*Arundo*, Eng. Bot. t. 520. *Ammophila arundinacea*, Brit. Fl. *Maram*, or *Sea Matweed.*)

Rootstock creeping. Stems stiff, erect, 2 to 3 feet high, with narrow, stiff, erect, and glaucous leaves, concave, or rolled inwards on their edges. Panicle contracted into a close, narrow-cylindrical spike, 5 or 6 inches long, tapering to the top. Spikelets crowded, 4 or 5 lines long, the outer glumes lanceolate, compressed, stiff, and chaffy. Flowering glume rather shorter, but equally stiff, with a tuft of short hairs outside, on the axis of the spikelet. Palea nearly as long, with a minute hairy bristle, or prolongation of the axis at its base.

On maritime sands, common on all the coasts of Europe, except the extreme north, and in North America. *Fl. summer.*

XVI. **SMALLREED.** CALAMAGROSTIS.

Tall grasses, with a more or less open panicle, and numerous 1-flowered spikelets. Outer glumes nearly equal, keeled and pointed. Flowering glume much smaller, very thin, with a very slender and short, hair-like, straight awn on its back, and a tuft of long silky hairs at its base, on the axis of the spikelet. Palea usually smaller.

A considerable genus, widely distributed over the globe, formerly united with the true *Reeds*, from which it is distinguished chiefly by the 1-flowered spikelets.

Hairs within the spikelet longer than the flowering glume.
- Spikelets near 3 lines long, crowded in a narrow panicle. Outer glumes very narrow, almost subulate . . . . . 1. *Wood S.*
- Spikelets about 2 lines long, in a loose panicle. Outer glumes narrow-lanceolate . . . . . 2. *Purple S.*

Hairs within the spikelet shorter than the flowering glume . . . . . 3. *Narrow S.*

1. **Wood Smallreed. Calamagrostis Epigeios,** Roth.

(*Arundo*, Eng. Bot. t. 403.)

Rootstock creeping. Stems 3 or 4 feet high, erect, and rather firm, with long, narrow, somewhat glaucous leaves. Panicle branched, but not spreading, except whilst in full flower, from a few inches to near a foot long, with numerous crowded spikelets, often assuming a purplish tint. Outer glumes very narrow-lanceolate and pointed, almost subulate, both near 3 lines long. Flowering glume thin, its awn very short and slender, inserted some way from the top, and scarcely distinguishable from the long silky hairs which envelope the flower.

In moist, open places, in woods and thickets, and amongst bushes, spread over the greater part of Europe and Russian Asia from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions. Abundant in some parts of southern England and Ireland, but not generally common, and rare in Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Purple Smallreed. Calamagrostis lanceolata,** Roth.

(*Arundo Calamagrostis*, Eng. Bot. t. 2159.)

A tall grass, like the last, and not always readily distinguished from it. It is usually more slender, with flat, flaccid leaves. Panicle much looser,

5 or 6 inches long, with slender branches, and more often assuming a shining purple colour. Outer glumes about 2 or sometimes 2½ lines long, narrow-lanceolate, but broader than in the *wood S.* Flowering glume nearly as in that species, but the awn is inserted close to the cleft summit.

In moist woods, and shady places, in northern and central Europe, and Russian Asia, from northern France and the Alps to the Arctic regions. Dispersed over several parts of England, but not so common as the *wood S.*, and unknown in Ireland or Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Narrow Smallreed. Calamagrostis stricta,** Nutt.

(*Arundo*, Eng. Bot. t. 2160.)

A more erect plant than the *purple S.*, 1½ to 3 feet high, with stiffer, narrow leaves. Panicle very narrow, 4 to 6 inches long. Spikelets smaller than in the last species, the outer glumes broader. Hairs of the axis considerably shorter than the flowering gloom, which has an awn inserted rather below the middle, and reaching to about its own length. There is also at the base of the palea a rudimentary prolongation of the axis, in the shape of a minute bristle, with a tuft of hairs.

In bogs and marshes, in northern and Arctic Europe, Asia, and America, not reaching southward of northern Germany. Rare in Britain, having been formerly found in Scotland, and more recently in the moors round Oakmere, in Cheshire. *Fl. summer.*

XVII. **AIRA.** AIRA.

Very near *Oat* in all essential characters, but the spikelets are much smaller, usually with two flowers only, the flowering glumes thinner and more scarious, not projecting beyond the outer glumes, and the hair-like awn on their back much shorter than in *Oat.*

The species are few, chiefly European and north Asiatic, a very few extending into North America, or reappearing in the southern hemisphere.

Panicle very loose, with capillary, spreading branches.
- Stems 2 to 4 feet high. Leaves in large tufts, flat and rough. Awns shorter than the glumes . . . . . 1. *Tufted A.*
- Stems 1 to 1½ feet. Leaves rolled in on the edges. Awns projecting from the outer glumes . . . . . 2. *Wavy A.*
- Stems 4 to 6 inches. Leaves fine and short. Awns shortly protruding 5. *Silvery A.*

Panicle dense and narrow. Stems 3 to 6 inches.
- Spikelets about 2 lines long. Awns thickened at the top, shorter than the outer glumes . . . . . 3. *Grey A.*
- Spikelets rather more than 1 line. Awn hair-like, shortly protruding 4. *Early A.*

1. **Tufted Aira. Aira cæspitosa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1453.)

A tall perennial, forming large, dense tufts, with rather stiff, flat leaves, very rough on the upper surface. Stems 2 to 4 feet, bearing an elegant panicle 6 inches to near a foot long, with spreading, slender, almost capillary branches. Spikelets silvery-grey or purplish, about 1½ lines long. Outer glumes rather unequal, lanceolate and pointed. Flowering glumes scarcely projecting from the outer ones, minutely toothed or jagged at the top, with a fine hair-like awn inserted near its base, and not so long as the glume itself.

In moist, shady places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the

Mediterranean to the Arctic regions, and in North America. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer.* The *alpine A.* (*A. alpina*, Brit. Fl., *A. lævigata*, Eng. Bot. t. 2102) is a mere variety, which in its least altered form only differs in its lower stature, with shorter leaves, with the glumes more or less enlarged, the awn adhering to it so much the higher as the glume is more altered. In the commoner state the whole panicle is *viviparous*, all the glumes being more or less elongated and foliaceous, without awns, and containing only very imperfect flowers or none at all. These varieties are frequent at considerable elevations, or at high latitudes, and not uncommon in the higher mountains of Scotland.

2. **Wavy Aira. Aira flexuosa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1519.)

A much smaller and more slender plant than the ordinary form of the *tufted A.*, from 1 to 1½ feet high, with very narrow leaves, rolled inwards on the edges, and almost subulate. Panicle spreading, but not above 2 or 3 inches long; the spikelets much fewer than in the *tufted A.*, but longer, being usually 2 to 3 lines long, very shining, with the fine, hair-like awns protruding beyond the glumes.

On heaths and hilly pastures, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, excepting some of the southern districts, in North America, and in Antarctic South America. Generally distributed over Britain. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Grey Aira. Aira canescens,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1190. *Corynephorus*, Bab. Man.)

A small, tufted perennial, of a glaucous or slightly purplish tinge, seldom above 6 inches high, with fine convolute leaves. Panicle dense and narrow, 1 to 2 inches long. Spikelets about 2 lines long, the outer glumes pointed, quite concealing the small flowering ones. These are remarkable for their awns, which are jointed in the middle, with a tuft of minute hairs at the joint, and slightly thickened towards the top, the whole awn not projecting beyond the outer glumes.

In sandy situations, in central and southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus, and northward to southern Scandinavia. In Britain, only known for certain on the sandy seacoasts of Norfolk and Suffolk, and in the Channel Islands. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Early Aira. Airy præcox,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1296.)

A slender, densely tufted annual, 3 to 6 inches high, with short, very fine leaves. Panicle contracted, ½ to 1 inch long. Spikelets rather more than a line long, the outer glumes very scarious. Flowering glumes small, cleft at the top, and slightly hardening, as in *Oat;* the short, hair-like awns shortly protruding beyond the outer glumes.

In sandy and hilly pastures, in central and southern Europe, and western Asia, extending into Scandinavia, but not far to the north. Generally spread over Britain, to the northern extremity of Scotland. *Fl. spring.*

5. **Silvery Aira. Aira caryophyllea,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 812. *Hair-grass.*)

A slender, graceful, tufted annual, seldom above 6 inches high, with short, fine leaves, as in the *early A.*, but the panicle is loose and spreading,

with long, capillary branches, usually in threes, often occupying half the whole height of the plant. Spikelets and glumes as in the *early A.*

In sandy and hilly pastures, with the same area as the *early A.*, and fully as common in Britain. *Fl. summer, rather early.*

XVIII. **OAT.** AVENA.

Spikelets several-flowered (usually with 3 to 5 flowers, rarely more, or 2 only), in a loose panicle. Glumes scarious, at least at the top; the outer empty ones lanceolate and tapering to a point; the flowering ones smaller, 2-cleft at the top, each lobe tapering into a point, with a long, twisted, and bent awn on the back of the glume. The terminal glume of the spikelet often small and empty or rudimentary. Axis of the spikelet hairy under the flowering glumes.

A considerable genus, widely spread over the temperate and colder regions of both hemispheres, or in the higher mountains within the tropics.

Annual. Spikelets hanging, 8 to 10 lines long	1. *Wild O.*
Perennial. Spikelets erect or spreading.	
Spikelets about 6 lines long	2. *Perennial O.*
Spikelets about 3 lines long	3. *Yellow O.*

1. **Wild Oat. Avena fatua,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2221.)

An erect, glabrous annual, 2 to 3 feet high, with a loose panicle of large spikelets, hanging from filiform pedicels of unequal length, arranged in alternate bunches along the main axis. Outer glumes near ¾ inch long, pale-green or purplish, tapering to a thin, scarious point. Flowering glumes 2 or 3, scarcely so long, of a firm texture at the base, and covered outside with long, brown hairs, thin and cleft at the top, each lobe tapering into a short point. Awn full twice as long as the spikelet, twisted at the base, abruptly bent about the middle.

A common weed of cultivation in all corn countries, and generally confined to cornfields, so that its origin is as yet doubtful, but probably a native of the east Mediterranean region. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. with the corn.* A variety with the flowering glumes larger and more like the outer ones, hairy only below the middle, and terminating in 2 almost awn-like points, has been distinguished under the name of *A. strigosa* (Eng. Bot. t. 1266), and it has been lately shown that the cultivated Oat is but a variety of the same species, readily degenerating into the wild form.

2. **Perennial Oat. Avena pratensis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1204.)

An erect perennial, with a tufted or shortly creeping rootstock, 1 to 1½ feet high with narrow leaves in dry pastures, but in rich mountain meadows attaining often 3 feet high, the leaves then broader, with much flattened sheaths. Panicle either slightly compound or reduced to a simple raceme. Spikelets erect, usually 3- or 4-flowered, glabrous and shining. Glumes all scarious at the top; the outermost empty one about 6 lines long, tapering to a point; the next similar but rather longer; the flowering ones gradually smaller, shortly cleft at the point, with an awn on the back full twice their length.

In meadows and pastures, especially in hilly districts, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Widely distributed over Britain, but not very common. *Fl. summer, rather early.* Luxuriant mountain specimens, with more or less flattened sheaths to the leaves, have been distinguished as a species, under the name of *A. alpina* (*A. planiculmis*, Eng. Bot. t. 2141), or, when very luxuriant, as *A. planiculmis* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2684). A more marked variety, not uncommon in dry, limestone districts, is generally distinguished as the *downy O.* (*A. pubescens*, Eng. Bot. t. 1640). It has the leaf-sheaths more or less downy, rather smaller spikelets, and the hairs on the axis of the spikelet between the florets much longer.

3. **Yellow Oat. Avena flavescens,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 952. *Trisetum*, Bab. Man.)

An erect perennial, 1 to 2 feet high. Panicle oblong, 3 to 5 inches long, with slender, somewhat spreading branches and pedicels. Spikelets erect, shining, and often of a yellowish hue, not half the size of those of the *perennial O.* Glumes all scarious, the 2 outer empty ones very unequal. Flowering glumes usually 4 or 5, cleft into 2 points; the awn twisted and bent as in the last two species, but short, and very fine and hair-like.

In rather dry meadows and pastures, in temperate and southern Europe and Russian Asia, extending northward into southern Scandinavia. Frequent in England and Ireland, much less so in Scotland. *Fl. summer.* Like the *perennial O.*, it varies in the glabrous or hairy leaf-sheaths, and in the length of the points of the glumes.

XIX. **FALSE-OAT.** ARRHENATHERUM.

A single species, separated from *Oat* as having the lower flower of each spikelet male only. At the same time, a minute rudimentary prolongation of the axis above the upper flower shows its general affinity with the *Poaceæ*, not with the *Panicaceæ*, to which it might be technically referred.

1. **Common False-Oat. Arrhenatherum avenaceum,** Beauv.

(*Holcus*, Eng. Bot. t. 813.)

An erect Grass 2 or 3 feet in height, perennial but not forming large tufts. Leaves few and flaccid. Panicle narrow and loose, 6 or 8 inches long, spreading only whilst the flowers are open. Spikelets 3 to 4 lines long, 2-flowered, the 2 outer empty glumes thin and pointed, the second nearly as long as the flowers, the outermost rather shorter. The lower flowering glume has a fine bent awn on the middle of the back about twice its own length, and contains stamens only; the upper flower is perfect, with a minute awn near the top of the glume or none at all.

In meadows, hedges, and thickets, throughout Europe and western Asia, except the extreme north. Common in Britain. *Fl. summer.*

XX. **HOLCUS.** HOLCUS.

Panicle somewhat open, but with numerous crowded spikelets, all 2-

flowered; the upper flower male only, its glume bearing a short awn; the lowest hermaphrodite, its glume usually awnless. Outer glumes boat-shaped, compressed, enclosing the flowers. Axis of the spikelet without hairs.

A genus limited by most botanists to the two European species, allied on the one hand to *Digraphis*, from which it differs in the presence of an upper male flower and the want of the rudimentary scales below the perfect one; on the other to *False-Oat*, but with a different habit, and the male flower above, not below, the perfect one.

Outer glumes about 2 lines long, rather obtuse, concealing the awn . 1. *Common H.*
Outer glumes near 3 lines long, very pointed, the awn projecting beyond them . . . . . 2. *Soft H.*

1. **Common Holcus. Holcus lanatus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1169.)

A perennial Grass, with a creeping rootstock and ascending stems, 1 to 2 feet high, more or less clothed, as well as the leaves, with a very short down, which gives to the whole plant a pale, soft appearance. Panicle 2 to 3 inches long, of a pale-whitish colour or sometimes reddish. Outer glumes about 2 lines long, obtuse, but often bearing a short point just below the tip. Lowest flowering glume awnless, smooth and shining; the upper one thinner, its awn seldom reaching the length of the outer glumes.

In meadows, pastures, and waste places, throughout Europe and probably Russian Asia, except the extreme north. One of the commonest British Grasses. *Fl. all summer.*

2. **Soft Holcus. Holcus mollis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1170.)

Very near the *common H.*, and by some considered as a mere variety. It is not generally so downy, although the hairs on the joints are rather more conspicuous, the spikelets are larger, the outer glumes taper to a fine point, and the awn of the upper flowering glume usually projects beyond the outer ones.

In similar situations with the *common H.*, and with nearly the same geographical area, but much less common. Generally distributed over Britain, but certainly not abundant, and in some parts very rare. *Fl. summer.*

XXI. **CYNODON.** CYNODON.

Spikelets 1-flowered, awnless, sessile along one side of the simple, spike-like branches of the panicle, which all proceed from nearly the same point, so as to appear digitate. At the base of the palea is a small bristle or prolongation of the axis, sometimes bearing a very minute rudimentary glume.

A genus of very few species, perhaps all varieties of a single one, readily known by the digitate spikes from all British Grasses except the *fingered* and the *glabrous Panicums*, and from them by the spikelets arranged singly, not in pairs, along the spikes.

1. **Creeping Cynodon. Cynodon Dactylon,** Pers.

(*Panicum*, Eng. Bot. t. 850.)

A low, prostrate Grass, often creeping and rooting to a great extent; the

flowering stems shortly ascending, with short leaves of a glaucous green. Panicle of 3 to 5 slender spikes, each 1 to 1½ inches long. Spikelets less than a line long; the outer glumes nearly equal, open, narrow, and pointed. Flowering glume rather longer and much broader, becoming hardened when in fruit, smooth on the sides, rather rough on the keel and edges.

In cultivated and waste places, especially near the sea, very common in southern Europe and in all hot countries, extending more sparingly into northern France and central Germany. In Britain, only in a few stations on the south-western coasts of England. *Fl. summer and autumn.*

XXII. **SPARTINA.** SPARTINA.

Spikelets 1-flowered, much flattened, and awnless, sessile along one side of the simple branches of a long, spike-like panicle. Glumes long and narrow, strongly keeled, the palea as long as or longer than the flowering glume.

A small genus, chiefly American, and almost confined to seacoasts.

1. Cord Spartina. **Spartina stricta,** Sm.

(*Dactylis*, Eng. Bot. t. 380. *Cordgrass.**)

A stiff, erect Grass, with a creeping rootstock, and rather short, erect leaves, flat, excepting at the top, when fresh, the edges always rolled inwards when dry. Panicle 3 or 4 inches long, consisting of from 2 to 4 erect, spike-like branches; spikelets arranged alternately in two rows along these branches, sessile in a groove on the axis, all erect but turning to one side, each spikelet 6 to 8 lines long. Glumes thin but stiff, pointed or rather obtuse; the outermost one 3 or 4 lines long; the second or inner empty one about half an inch, and often hairy; the flowering glume similar but scarcely so long; the palea again rather longer. The smell of the whole plant is strong and disagreeable.

In muddy salt-marshes, along the shores of the Atlantic; common in North America, less so in western Europe, and very local on the Mediterranean as well as the North Sea. In Britain, only on the southern and eastern coasts of England. *Fl. summer and autumn.* A luxuriant variety, with long leaves, long slender spikes, and nearly glabrous glumes, has been described as a species under the names of *S. glabra* or *S. alterniflora* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2812), but in North America, where it is frequent, it passes gradually into the more common form. In Britain, this variety has been found on the coast of Hampshire near Southampton.

XXIII. **LEPTURUS.** LEPTURUS.

Spikelets 1-flowered (or, in some exotic species, 2-flowered) awnless, inserted singly in notches on alternate sides of a simple slender spike, the axis jointed at each notch. Outer glumes 2, hard and ribbed; flowering glumes very thin. Stamens 3 and styles 2, as in most genera of *Grasses*.

A genus of very few species, chiefly seacoast plants, widely dispersed over the greater part of the globe.

* The name of *Cordgrass* would, however, be more appropriately restricted to the south European *Lygeum Spartum*.

1. **Curved Lepturus. Lepturus incurvatus,** Trin.

(*Rottboellia*, Eng. Bot. t. 760.)

An annual, decumbent and much branched at the base; the flowering stems curved upwards or erect, a few inches, or, when very luxuriant, nearly a foot high, with short fine leaves, the uppermost one close under the flowers. Spike 2 to 4 inches long, usually curved; the spikelets imbedded as it were in the axis, which breaks off readily at every notch. Outer glumes about 2 lines long, stiff and pointed, with strong green ribs; the flowering glume and palea rather shorter, of a very delicate transparent texture.

In salt-marshes and maritime sands and pastures, on the western coasts of Europe; abundant all round the Mediterranean, extending eastward to the Caspian and northward to the English Channel. In Britain, it occurs on the shores of England, Ireland, and southern Scotland, but is not generally common. *Fl summer.*

XXIV. **NARD.** NARDUS.

A single species, differing from all other genera of British *Grasses* in the very simple structure of its spikelets.

1. **Common Nard. Nardus stricta,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 290. *Matgrass.*)

A densely tufted, erect, wiry perennial, 6 inches to near a foot high. Leaves fine, but very stiff and bristle-like. Spikelets 1-flowered, sessile, alternately arranged in 2 rows on one side of an erect, slender, simple spike, often assuming a purplish hue. Each spikelet has a single narrow glume, 3 or 4 lines long, ending in a fine point, and enclosing a palea, 3 stamens, and a simple style.

On moors, heaths, and hilly pastures, in northern and Arctic Europe and Russian Asia, and in the mountains of central and southern Europe to the Caucasus. Common in Britain. *Fl. summer.*

XXV. **LYMEGRASS.** ELYMUS.

Spikelets 2- to 4-flowered, awnless, sessile in pairs (or, in exotic species, 3 or 4 together) in the notches of a simple spike.

A small genus, spread over the temperate and cooler parts of the northern hemisphere, differing from *Barley* in that all the spikelets contain more than one flower.

1. **Sand Lymegrass. Elymus arenarius,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1672. *Lymegrass.*)

A stiff, glaucous perennial, 2 to 4 feet high, with a long creeping root-stock. Leaves stiff, rolled inwards on the edges, ending in a hard point. Spike sometimes rather dense, 3 or 4 inches long, sometimes lengthening to 8 or 9 inches; with the spikelets in rather distant pairs, each containing 3 or 4 flowers. Glumes lanceolate, stiff, downy or rarely glabrous; the outer ones 8 or 9 lines long, and very pointed; the flowering ones gradually shorter, broader, and less pointed.

In maritime sands, common in the temperate and colder regions of the northern hemisphere, more local on the Mediterranean and in hotter climates, and occurring occasionally in inland central Europe. Extends all round the British Isles, but more frequent in the north than in the south. *Fl. summer.* A singular variety, with the spike much elongated, the spikelets distant, and the glumes often enlarged, in which also the whole spike is abruptly bent down, has been distinguished as a species, under the name of the *pendulous E.* (*E. geniculatus*, Eng. Bot. t. 1586). It is occasionally met with on the coasts of Holland and Scandinavia, and is said to have been gathered formerly on the Thames below Gravesend.

XXVI. **BARLEY.** HORDEUM.

Spikelets 3 together, sessile on alternate notches of a simple spike, 1 or 2 of them consisting each of 2 glumes, either empty or with male or rudimentary flowers, the 2 or 1 others containing each 1 perfect flower; the empty glumes of the 3 spikelets often reduced to mere awns, and forming a kind of involucre round the flowering glume.

A genus of few species, dispersed over the temperate regions of both hemispheres, chiefly in maritime districts, and rare in the tropics. The origin of the 2 or 3 cultivated species has not been as yet satisfactorily made out.

Flowers of the 2 lateral spikelets perfect; of the central one male, or rudimentary, or none . . . . . 1. *Wood B.*
Flowers of the central spikelet perfect; of the lateral ones male, or rudimentary, or none.
  Outer glumes of all the spikelets awn-like from the base . . . . 2. *Meadow B.*
  Outer glumes of the central spikelet lanceolate, and ciliate at the base; of the others awn-like from the base . . . . . 3. *Wall B.*
  Outer glumes of all the spikelets slightly dilated at the base, not ciliate, and one of each lateral spikelet broader than the rest . 4. *Sea B.*

1. **Wood Barley. Hordeum sylvaticum,** Huds.

(*Elymus europæus*, Eng. Bot. t. 1317.)

An erect perennial, about 2 feet high, with flat leaves, usually hairy on the sheaths. Spike cylindrical, not very dense, about 3 inches long. The central spikelet of each notch is reduced to 2 narrow-linear glumes, either quite empty or rarely containing a rudimentary or male flower; the 2 lateral spikelets have each 1 perfect flower, and sometimes a second, either rudimentary or male; the outer glumes like those of the central spikelet, but rather broader and longer, and placed side by side; the flowering glume shorter, but terminating in a long awn.

In woods and thickets, in central and southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus and northward to southern Scandinavia. In Britain, not rare in some of the midland and northern counties of England, but not found in Ireland or Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Meadow Barley. Hordeum pratense,** Huds.

(Eng. Bot. t. 409.)

An erect or decumbent annual or perennial, often 2 feet high, and tufted or bulbous at the base. Leaves glabrous and rather narrow. Spike 1½ to 2 inches long, close and cylindrical. To each notch are 3 pairs of awn-like, rough glumes; within the central pair is a flowering glume, lanceolate, but completely rolled round the flower, and tapering into an awn as long as

itself; within each of the 2 lateral pairs is usually an inner glume smaller than the central one, either empty or enclosing a male or rudimentary flower.

In moist meadows, and pastures, in central and southern Europe, extending eastward all across Russian Asia and northward to southern Scandinavia. Frequent in England and Ireland, but scarcely extending into Scotland. *Fl. early summer.*

3. **Wall Barley. Hordeum murinum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1971.)

A rather coarse, tufted Grass, the stems decumbent at the base, 1 to 2 feet long. Leaves often hairy. Spike dense and cylindrical, 3 or 4 inches long, thickly beset with the long rough awns. Outer glumes of the 3 spikelets all awn-like, but those of the central spikelet somewhat broader at the base and ciliate. Inner glume of each spikelet lanceolate and rolled inwards at the base, ending in a long awn; that of the central spikelet enclosing a perfect flower; those of the lateral ones empty or with a very imperfect male flower.

In waste places, on roadsides, etc., in central and southern Europe and western Asia, extending northwards to southern Scandinavia, and now naturalized in many parts of the world. Frequent in the greater part of England and Ireland, but rare or local in Scotland. *Fl. all summer.*

4. **Sea Barley. Hordeum maritimum,** With.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1205.)

Very near the *Wall B.*, but smaller and somewhat glaucous, the spikes smaller, with shorter awns, and the 3 pairs of outer glumes are all lanceolate at the base but not ciliate, and one of each of the lateral pairs is a little broader than the others.

On the seacoasts of western Europe, and all round the Mediterranean, extending northward to Denmark, but not into the Baltic. Abundant on several of the English and Irish coasts, but a very doubtful inhabitant of Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

XXVII. **TRITICUM.** TRITICUM.

Spikelets several-flowered, closely sessile, and single in each notch of a simple spike, the side of the spikelet or edge of the glumes being next the axis of the spike. Outer empty glumes 2, similar to the flowering ones.

To this genus belong the cultivated *Wheats*, all annuals, of uncertain origin, by some said to be indigenous in some little-known regions of western Asia, by others believed to be altered forms of the common south European and west Asiatic Grasses known under the generic name of *Ægilops*. The British wild species are all perennials, and form part of a different section, distinguished by some as a separate genus, under the name of *Agropyron*, which should be adopted if it be definitively ascertained that the annual Wheats are identical with *Ægilops*.

Rootstock creeping . . . . . 1. *Couch T.*
No creeping rootstock . . . . . 2. *Fibrous T.*

1. **Couch Triticum. Triticum repens,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 909. *Couchgrass.*)

A perennial, with an extensively creeping rootstock, and stiff, ascending

or erect stems, 1 to 2 or even 3 feet high; the whole plant varying from a bright green to a pale glaucous colour. Spikelets 8 to 10 or more, at regular distances on alternate sides of a spike varying from 2 or 3 inches to twice that length, each one containing 5 or 6 flowers. Glumes all alike in shape, narrow and stiff, marked with 5 or more nerves, and usually pointed or terminating in an awn, sometimes exceedingly short, sometimes as long as the glume itself; the outer empty glumes about 4 lines long; the flowering ones gradually shorter, with less prominent nerves; the terminal one usually small and empty or quite rudimentary.

In fields and waste places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions, and in North and South America. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer.* The *Rush T.* (*T. junceum*, Eng. Bot. t. 814, and *T. laxum*, Brit. Fl.) appears to be merely a maritime variety of the same species, much stiffer and more glaucous, with the leaves almost pungent, and the glumes often obtuse. It is frequent on seacoasts throughout the range of the common *couch T.*, and has been often observed to pass gradually into it.

2. **Fibrous Triticum. Triticum caninum,** Huds.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1372.)

In the structure of the spikelets and their arrangement, this species closely resembles the *couch T.*, but the stems are tufted, without any creeping root-stock, more leafy, and not so glaucous. Glumes rather thinner, with 5 very prominent ribs, and terminating in a rather long awn; the outer empty ones usually smaller than the flowering ones, with shorter awns, and often only 3 ribs.

In woods and shady places, in Europe and Russian Asia from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions, and in North America. Generally distributed over Britain, but not very common. *Fl. summer.*

XXVIII. **LOLIUM.** LOLIUM.

Spikelets several-flowered, closely sessile, and single in each notch of the simple spike, the edge of the spikelet (or the backs of the glumes of one row) next the axis of the spike. One or rarely 2 outer glumes empty, differing but little from the flowering ones.

A genus of very few species, natives of the temperate regions of the northern hemisphere; some of them found also, either indigenous or perhaps introduced, in the southern hemisphere, and even within the tropics.

Outer glume as long as or longer than the spikelet. Some of the glumes with awns as long as themselves . . . . . 2. *Darnel L.*
Outer glume shorter than the spikelet. Awns short or none . . . . 1. *Ryegrass L.*

1. **Ryegrass Lolium. Lolium perenne,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 315, *L. linicola*, Suppl. t. 2955, and *L. multiflorum*, Brit. Fl.)

An erect or slightly decumbent Grass, either annual or often lasting for several years, 1 to 2 feet high, leafy only in the lower part. Spike 6 inches to a foot long, the spikelets at a considerable distance from each other. Outer glume of the lateral spikelets empty, stiff, and strongly nerved, usually much larger than the others, yet seldom attaining 6 lines and never so long as the whole spikelet. Flowering glumes 8 to 16 or even more, obtuse or pointed, or sometimes ending in a short awn. In the terminal spikelet the second glume is usually empty, and sometimes also in the lateral spikelets.

In meadows, pastures, and waste places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, and naturalized in other parts of the world. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. the whole season.* It varies much in duration, and in the precise shape and proportion of the glumes, as well as in the presence or absence of awns. The *Italian Ryegrass* (*L. italicum*, Braun), now much imported from the Continent, is a variety raised by cultivation, most probably from seeds originally exported from England. A remarkable variety, or rather, luxuriant state, with a branched spike, occurs occasionally in rich meadows.

2. **Darnel Lolium. Lolium temulentum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1124, and *L. arvense*, t. 1125.)

Closely allied to the *Ryegrass L.*, but the root is always annual, the outer bract of the spikelets usually as long as the spikelet itself, the flowering glumes shorter and broader than in the *Ryegrass L.*, and some of them at least have an awn longer than themselves.

In fields and waste places, in central and southern Europe, and central Asia, extending more or less into northern Europe as a weed of cultivation, and as such generally dispersed over Britain, although not common. *Fl. summer.*

XXIX. **FALSE-BROME.** BRACHYPODIUM.

Spikelets many-flowered, long, in a single spike, as in *Triticum*, but not so much flattened as in the perennial species of that genus, and not quite so closely sessile, the axis of the spike not being indented to receive them, yet not so distinctly stalked as in *Fescue*.

A genus of very few species, chiefly from the temperate regions of the old world, and intermediate, as it were, between *Triticum*, *Fescue*, and *Brome*, with one or other of which genera they have often been united.

Awns as long as or longer than the flowering glumes. Spikelets usually drooping . . . . . 1. *Slender F.*
Awns shorter than the flowering glumes. Spikelets erect or nearly so . 2. *Heath F.*

1. **Slender False-Brome. Brachypodium sylvaticum,** Beauv.

(*Bromus,* Eng. Bot. t. 729.)

A rather slender, erect Grass, 2 to 3 feet high, with a perennial tuft, and slightly creeping rootstock. Leaves flat, and rather long. Spikelets usually 6 or 7, in a loose spike, more or less drooping, or rarely erect, each one attaining an inch or even more in length, nearly cylindrical when young, but flattened when in fruit, containing from 8 to twice that number of flowers. Outer glumes pointed, flowering ones ending in an awn, usually as long as or longer than the glume itself. Palea fringed with a few hairs on the edges.

In woods, hedges, and thickets, throughout Europe, and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Common in England and Ireland, more scarce in the Scotch Highlands. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Heath False-Brome. Brachypodium pinnatum,** Beauv.

(*Bromus*, Eng. Bot. t. 730.)

Perhaps a mere variety of the *slender F.*, growing in more open situations. The rootstock is more creeping, the spikelets more erect, the flowering glumes rather smaller, and more open, and the awn is very much shorter.

In pastures and stony wastes, with nearly the same geographical range as the *slender F.*, but not extending so far north, and more common in southern and eastern Europe. In Britain, scattered over the eastern and central counties of England, but unknown in Scotland or Ireland. *Fl. summer.*

XXX. **BROME.** BROMUS.

Spikelets several-flowered, rather large, erect or drooping, in a branched, loose, or compact panicle. Outer glumes unequal, usually keeled and awnless. Flowering glumes longer, rounded on the back, scarious at the edges, with an awn inserted just below the notched or cleft summit. Palea ciliate on the nerves. Ovary usually hairy, the style inserted on one side of the summit.

A considerable genus, widely spread over the northern hemisphere, chiefly in the old world, with a few American or southern species. It is also a natural one if made to include the *tall B.*, referred by some to *Fescue* on account of the glabrous ovary and more central style.

Flowering glumes oblong, turgid. Outer ones distinctly nerved . . . 6. *Field B.*
Flowering glumes narrow-lanceolate. Outer ones obscurely nerved.
  Flowering glumes about 3 lines long. Ovary glabrous . . . . . 7. *Tall B.*
  Flowering glumes 5 lines long or more. Ovary hairy.
    Awns shorter or not longer than the glumes. Leaf-sheaths with long hairs.
      Panicle loose and drooping . . . . . 2. *Hairy B.*
      Panicle compact and erect . . . . . 1. *Upright B.*
    Awns longer than the glumes. Leaves softly downy or glabrous.
      Panicle loose and drooping . . . . . 3. *Barren B.*
      Panicle compact and erect.
        Spikelets, together with the awns, more than 3 inches long . . 4. *Great B.*
        Spikelets with the awns not 2 inches long . . . . . 5. *Compact B.*

1. **Upright Brome. Bromus erectus,** Huds.

(Eng. Bot. t. 471.)

An erect perennial, 2 feet high or more, with a slightly creeping root-stock. Leaves narrower than in most *Bromes*, especially the radical ones, with a few long hairs on their sheaths. Panicle about 3 to 5 inches long, much more compact than in the *barren B.*, the branches erect or nearly so. Spikelets not numerous, ½ to 1½ inches long, containing 6 to 10 or even more flowers. Flowering glumes lanceolate, with closely appressed hairs on the back, the lateral nerves scarcely prominent, the awn straight, and scarcely half its length.

In fields and waste places, in temperate and southern Europe to the Caucasus, extending northward into southern Scandinavia. In Britain, chiefly in southern and eastern England, very local in Wales, Ireland, and Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Hairy Brome. Bromus asper,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1172.)

An annual, or sometimes perennial, 3 to 5 or even 6 feet high. Leaves long and flat with long, spreading or reflexed hairs on their sheaths. Panicle loose, with long, drooping branches, bearing a few loose spikelets, each above an inch long, containing 6 to 10 or more flowers. Flowering glumes nearly cylindrical, slightly hairy or glabrous, with a straight, fine awn, shorter than the glume itself.

In hedges and thickets, and on the edges of woods, in temperate and southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus, and northward to southern Scandinavia. Frequent in England, Ireland, and the lowlands of Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

3. **Barren Brome. Bromus sterilis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1030.)

An erect annual or biennial, 1 to 2 feet high or rather more; the leaves softly downy, but less so than in the *field B.* Panicle 6 inches long or more, with numerous more or less drooping branches, many of them as long as the spikelets or longer. Spikelets linear-lanceolate, with 6 to 8 or more flowers, attaining more than 2 inches in length, including their awns. Flowering glumes rough on the back, distinctly 7-nerved, with a straight awn much longer than the glume itself.

In waste places, on waysides, etc., throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in England, Ireland, and the Lowlands of Scotland. *Fl. summer, commencing early.*

4. **Great Brome. Bromus maximus,** Desf.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2820.)

Very near the *barren B.*, but the panicle is more erect and compact, only a few of the branches attaining the length of the spikelets, without their awns, and the flowering glumes are larger and broader, with very long awns, the whole spikelet, including the awns, being often 3½ inches long.

A native of the Mediterranean region, which appears to have established itself in Jersey. *Fl. early summer.*

5. **Compact Brome. Bromus madritensis,** Linn.

(*B. diandrus*, Eng. Bot. t. 1006.)

A much smaller plant than the *barren B.*, seldom above a foot high, less downy, and with narrower leaves. Panicle erect or nearly so, very compact, and often of a purplish tint, the branches much shorter than the spikelets. Awns as in the two last, longer than the flowering glumes; but the whole spikelet, including the awns, is seldom 2 inches long. The flowers have, like other *Bromes*, sometimes only 2 stamens.

On roadsides, and in waste places, throughout southern Europe, extending up the west coasts to the English Channel. In Britain, only in the southern counties of England. *Fl. early summer.*

6. **Field Brome. Bromus arvensis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 920 and t. 1984, *B. pratensis*, *B. commutatus,* and *B. patulus*, Brit. Fl. *Serrafalcus* (4 species), Bab. Man.)

An erect annual or biennial, varying much in size, from 1 to 2 or 3 feet high, more or less softly downy, or sometimes quite glabrous. Panicle sometimes small, slender, elongated or compact, and nearly erect, but more frequently more or less drooping, yet never so large nor so loose as in the *hairy B.* and the *barren B.*; and amidst all its variations, the species is always distinguished from the 4 preceding ones by its short, oblong or ovoid, turgid flowering glumes, 3 to 4 lines long, and more closely packed, giving a broader and fuller shape to the spikelet. Awn slender, usually about the length of the glumes, straight, or spreading when dry, but not in so marked a manner as in the south European *B. squarrosus*, said to have appeared occasionally in our cornfields.

In cultivated and waste places, meadows, and pastures, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. the whole season, especially spring and early summer.* Many of the forms assumed by this ubiquitous species, difficult as they are to distinguish, and passing gradually one into another, have been universally recognized as species, although with characters very differently marked out by different authors. The most prominent among the British ones are :—

a. *Rye-like field B.* (*B. secalinus*, Eng. Bot. t. 1171.) A tall, cornfield variety, with a loose, more or less drooping panicle, the flowers not so closely imbricated, becoming quite distinct and spreading when in fruit, most of these differences arising from being cultivated with the corn.

b. *Soft field B.* (*B. mollis*, Eng. Bot. t. 1078.) One of the commonest forms, in open, waste places, with a more erect panicle, either short and compact, or long and slender, and the whole plant softly downy.

c. *Smooth field B.* (*B. racemosus*, Eng. Bot. t. 1079.) Like the last variety, but much more glabrous.

d. *Many-flowered field B.* (*B. multiflorus*, Eng. Bot. t. 1884), includes either of the preceding varieties, when the flowers are more numerous than usual in the spikelet.

7. **Tall Brome. Bromus giganteus**, Linn.

(*Festuca*, Eng. Bot. t. 1820, and *F. triflora*, t. 1918.)

An erect, glabrous perennial, 3 or 4 feet high, with a long, loose, more or less drooping panicle, much resembling the *hairy B.*, but known at once by the smaller spikelets and slender awns. The spikelets, without the awns, are 7 or 8 lines long, and contain from 3 to 6 flowers. Outer glumes unequal, the lowest 1-nerved, the second 3-nerved. Flowering glumes lanceolate, almost nerveless, about 3 lines long; the fine awn full twice that length, inserted a little below the tip, as in *Brome*. Ovary glabrous, as in *Fescue*.

In hedges and woods, over the greater part of Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. In Britain, not generally so common as the *hairy B.*, and still less so in Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

XXXI. **FESCUE.** FESTUCA.

Spikelets several-flowered, usually numerous, in a compact or slightly spreading panicle (in one variety reduced to a simple spike). Outer glumes unequal, keeled. Flowering glumes lanceolate, convex on the back, pointed or tapering into an awn, scarcely scarious at the edges. Ovary glabrous, rarely downy, with the styles terminal.

A genus widely distributed over the temperate regions of the globe, and numerous in forms if not in species. It differs from *Poa* only in the longer, more pointed, or awned glumes; from *Brome* in the inflorescence, in the more terminal points or awns, the edges of the glumes less scarious and scarcely, if at all, extended beyond the commencement of the awn, as well as in the glabrous ovary and more terminal styles of most of the species.

Awns none, or not above a line long.
Leaves, at least the radical ones, subulate and almost cylindrical.
Stem seldom 2 feet high . . . . . 1. *Sheep's F.*

Leaves flat. Stems 2 to 6 feet high.
Spikelets 3- to 5-flowered. Outer glumes linear. Flowering glumes narrow . . . . . 3. *Reed F.*
Spikelets 5- to 10-flowered. Outer glumes lanceolate. Flowering glumes broadly lanceolate . . . . . 2. *Meadow F.*
Awns as long as or longer than the glumes.
Panicle loose and spreading. Stem 3 to 4 feet . . . . . *Tall Brome.*
Panicle one-sided, narrow and compact or spike-like. Stems annual, under a foot high.
Outer glumes narrow, the lowest 1 to 2 lines, the second 2 to 3 lines long . . . . . 4. *Rat's-tail F.*
Lowest glume a minute scale, the second lanceolate, 4 to 6 lines long . . . . . 5. *One-glumed F.*

1. Sheep's Fescue. Festuca ovina.

(Eng. Bot. t. 585, *F. duriuscula*, t. 470, *F. cæsia*, t. 1917, and *F. rubra*, t. 2056.)

A densely tufted or more rarely shortly creeping perennial, 6 inches to near 2 feet high. Leaves chiefly radical, very narrow, and almost cylindrical, the few stem ones more rarely flattened. Panicle rather compact and slightly one-sided, from 1½ to 4 inches long. Spikelets smaller than in the *meadow F.*; the glumes narrower, glabrous or downy, very faintly nerved, and almost always bearing a fine point or awn about a line long.

In hilly pastures, most abundant in dry, open situations, more rarely in moist places, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions, and in North America and New Zealand. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer.* In mountain pastures it is very apt to become *viviparous*, the glumes becoming elongated and leaf-like, and this state has been considered as a species, under the name of *F. vivipara* (Eng. Bot. t. 1355). Besides which the following, among the British varieties, are sometimes ranked as species:—

a. *Common sheep's F.* Stems not a foot high, with dense tufts of subulate leaves. In dry, hilly pastures.

b. *Tall sheep's F.* (*F. duriuscula*). Taller but tufted, the radical leaves subulate, one or two stem ones usually flattened. In moister and more luxuriant pastures.

c. *Sand F.* (*F. sabulicola* or sometimes *F. rubra*). Rootstock more or less creeping, all the leaves subulate. In light sandy or loose stony places.

2. Meadow Fescue. Festuca elatior, Linn.

A perennial, varying from about 2 to 4 or 5 feet in height, either tufted or with a shortly creeping rootstock. Leaves flat, but varying much in breadth. Panicle sometimes reduced to a simple spike, with almost sessile, distant spikelets, more frequently branched, but always erect and narrow, from 5 or 6 inches to near a foot long. Spikelets 6 lines to near an inch long, containing from 5 to 10 or even more flowers. Flowering glumes, when the panicle is nearly simple, rather broad, scarious at the edge, scarcely pointed, and distinctly 5-ribbed; but the more the panicle is branched the narrower and more pointed are the glumes, with less distinct ribs, and sometimes with a distinct but exceedingly short awn.

In meadows and moist pastures, on banks and riversides, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Common in Britain. *Fl. summer, rather early.* The three most marked British forms, often considered as species, but now generally admitted to be mere varieties, are the following:—

a. *Spiked meadow F.* (*F. loliacea*, Eng. Bot. t. 1821). Spikelets almost sessile, in a simple spike. Grows with the common form, always passing gradually into it.

b. *Common meadow F.* (*F. pratensis*, Eng. Bot. t. 1592). Panicle slightly branched but close. In meadows and pastures.

c. *Tall meadow F.* (*F. elatior*, Eng. Bot. t. 1593, *F. arundinacea*, Bab. Man.). A taller, often reed-like plant, with broader leaves, the panicle more branched and spreading. On banks of rivers, and in wet places, especially near the sea.

3. **Reed Fescue. Festuca sylvatica,** Vill.

(*F. calamaria*, Eng. Bot. t. 1005, and *F. decidua*, t. 2266.)

A tall, reed-like perennial, with rather broad, flat leaves, and a rather compact panicle, 4 to 6 inches long. Spikelets numerous, smaller even than in the *sheep's F.*, seldom containing more than 4 or 5 flowers. Outer glumes much narrower than in the two preceding species, and often almost subulate. Flowering glumes about 2 lines long, tapering into a fine point, but not distinctly awned.

In mountain woods, in central Europe, from central France and northern Italy to southern Scandinavia, and eastward to the Russian frontier. In Britain, thinly scattered over a large area, both in Great Britain and Ireland, more prevalent in northern than in southern England, but unknown in the north of Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Rat's-tail Fescue. Festuca Myurus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1412 and *F. bromoides*, t. 1411. *F. sciuroides*, Bab. Man.)

A tufted annual, usually about a foot high. Leaves narrow and convolute as in the *sheep's F.* Panicle slender and one-sided, 2 to 6 inches long, contracted, sometimes spike-like or even reduced to a simple spike; the branches always short and erect. Spikelets of the size of those of the *sheep's F.*, but the glumes narrower, the outer ones very unequal, the flowering ones ending in an awn at least as long as themselves.

In waste places, on walls, roadsides, etc., in central and southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus and northward into southern Scandinavia. In Britain, rather frequent in England and Ireland, less so in Scotland. *Fl. early summer.* There are two marked varieties often considered as species, the true *F. Myurus*, with a panicle of about 3 inches, the flowering glumes nearly as long as their awn, the lowest empty glume about 2 lines long, the second at least 3 lines, and both very pointed; and the *bromelike F.* (*F. bromoides*), with the panicle much longer and more slender, the flowering glumes smaller, thinner, and much shorter than their awns, the outermost empty glume not 1 line long, the second about 2 lines. In some localities, however, the two forms run much one into the other.

5. **One-glumed Fescue. Festuca uniglumis,** Soland.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1430.)

A tufted annual, with convolute leaves like the last, but seldom above 6 inches high, and the leaf-sheaths much looser. Panicle one-sided and spike-like, 2 inches long or rather more. Spikelets much crowded, on short, erect pedicels, thickened at the top. Outermost glume reduced to a minute almost microscopic scale; the second lanceolate, 4 to 6 lines long, scarious on the edges, ending in an awn-like point. Flowering glumes 3 or 4, rather shorter, but ending in an awn usually longer than themselves.

On sandy seacoasts, common round the Mediterranean, and extending up the shores of western Europe to the English Channel. In Britain, on the coasts of Ireland, and western, southern, and south-eastern England. *Fl. early summer.*

XXXII. **COCK'S-FOOT.** DACTYLIS.

A single species, with all the characters of *Fescue*, except that the spikelets are densely crowded in thick, one-sided clusters, arranged in an irregular short spike or slightly branched panicle.

1. **Clustered Cock's-foot. Dactylis glomerata,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 335.)

A coarse, stiff grass, 1 to 2 feet high, the perennial stock forming at length dense tufts. Leaves flaccid, but rough on the edges. Clusters of spikelets dense and ovoid, sometimes collected into a close spike of about an inch, sometimes in a broken spike of several inches, or on the branches of a short, more or less spreading panicle. Each spikelet much flattened, ovate, 3- to 5-flowered. Glumes lanceolate, strongly keeled, ciliated on the back and pointed at the top, the flowering ones more so than the outer ones, the point often lengthened into a short awn.

In meadows, pastures, woods, and waste ground, throughout Europe, central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. the whole season.*

XXXIII. **DOG'S-TAIL.** CYNOSURUS.

Spikelets in sessile clusters, forming a one-sided spike or head; the outer spikelet of each cluster consisting of several glumes, all empty; the other spikelets containing 2 to 5 flowers; the glumes pointed or awned as in *Fescue.*

As now limited, the genus comprises but one Mediterranean species besides the two British ones.

Spike semi-cylindrical. Glumes pointed . . . . . 1. *Crested D.*
Spike ovoid. Glumes awned . . . . . 2. *Rough D.*

1. **Crested Dog's-tail. Cynosurus cristatus,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 316.)

A slightly tufted perennial, with short, narrow leaves, mostly radical, and a slender, often wiry, erect stem, from under a foot to near 2 feet high. Flowering spike semi-cylindrical, oblong or nearly linear, 1 to 3 inches long; the clusters regular, and all turned to one side; the outer elegantly pinnate empty spikelets being the most conspicuous, and forming a kind of involucre to each cluster, within which are 1 or 2 fertile spikelets, each with 3 to 5 flowers. The glumes, whether empty or flowering, all terminate in a very short point.

In rather dry, hilly pastures, and downs, throughout Europe and western Asia, except the extreme north. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer.* The dry stalks, rejected by sheep, and remaining all the autumn, are called *Bents* in many parts of the country.

2. **Rough Dog's-tail. Cynosurus echinatus,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1333.)

An annual, much less stiff than the last, with flaccid leaves. Spike ovoid and less regular; the glumes, both of the empty and of the flowering spikelets, all ending in an awn at least as long as themselves.

In fields and waste places, common in southern Europe and eastward to the Caucasus, extending up the west of Europe to the Channel Islands. In the main islands of Britain it only appears occasionally on the coasts, probably when introduced with ballast. *Fl. summer.*

XXXIV. **QUAKEGRASS.** BRIZA.

Spikelets several-flowered, flat, broad, and short, hanging (in the British species) from the slender branches of a loose panicle. Glumes broad, concave, but not keeled, obtuse, scarious on the edges, closely imbricated, and spreading.

A small genus, widely spread over the temperate regions of the northern hemisphere, some species extending also as weeds into the tropics and the southern hemisphere.

Perennial. Ligula of the leaves very short . . . . . 1. *Common Q.*
Annual. Ligula of the upper leaves 3 to 6 lines long . . . . . 2. *Lesser Q.*

The *larger Q.* (*B. maxima*), a south European species, with the spikelets above half an inch long, has been frequently cultivated in our flower-gardens.

1. **Common Quakegrass. Briza media,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 340.)

An erect, rather stiff, but very elegant perennial, from near a foot to 1½ feet high, with a tufted or slightly creeping stock. Leaves flat but narrow and few, except at the base of the stem, their ligules very short. Panicle 2 to 4 inches long, very loose and spreading. Spikelets hanging from the long, slender branches, at first orbicular, then ovate, 2 to 3 lines long, variegated with green and purple, containing about 6 to 8 flowers. Glumes all nearly similar, the outer pair empty, the upper ones gradually smaller.

In meadows and pastures, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north. Common in the greater part of Britain, but becoming scarce in the north of Scotland. *Fl. early summer.*

2. **Lesser Quakegrass. Briza minor,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1316.)

An erect annual, from 2 or 3 inches to near a foot high, with shorter and broader leaves than the *common Q.*, and much longer ligules. Panicle like that of the *common Q.*, but more branched and still more slender, the spikelets more numerous, smaller though rather broader in proportion, seldom attaining 2 lines in length.

In fields and waste places, in southern Europe, and eastward to the Caucasus, extending up the west coast of Europe to the English Channel. In Britain, confined to the southern counties of England. *Fl. summer, rather early.*

XXXV. **POA.** POA.

Spikelets several-flowered (rarely only 2-flowered), awnless, numerous, in a spreading or compact panicle. Outer glumes rather unequal, usually keeled. Flowering glumes obtuse or pointed, but not awned, scarious at the top, either keeled from the base or at the top only, or rounded to the top without any prominent keel.

A large genus, widely spread over all parts of the world. Although in many respects a natural one, its characters and limits are far from precise. It differs from *Festuca* only in its shorter glumes, without awns or decided points, and some species have been placed alternately in the one or the other genus. The first seven species are frequently separated, and formed into one, two, or more genera, characterized by minute differences in the nerves of the glumes or in the shape of the minute floral scales, or of the seed; and on the other hand, *Catabrosa*, *Molinia*, *Triodia*, *Cock's-foot*, and *Kœleria*, although universally admitted, are distinguished by characters of very little more value. In the present state of our acquaintance with the most practical principles of classification in *Grasses*, the limits of *Poa*, as retained in the British Flora, appear to be the most natural.

Tall, aquatic plants. Spikelets not much flattened. Flowering glumes rounded on the back, with prominent veins, but not distinctly keeled.
- Panicle large and spreading. Spikelets 3 to 5 lines long . . . 1. *Reed P.*
- Panicle long and narrow. Spikelets erect, 6 lines to an inch long 2. *Floating P.*

Plants not aquatic.
- Panicle one-sided and stiff. Flowering glumes rounded on the back, at least at the base.
  - *Panicle rather loose, 4 to 6 inches long. Glumes almost nerveless. Stock perennial.*
    - Stem creeping at the base. Flowering glume about 1½ lines long.
      - Leaf-sheaths much flattened . . . . . 9. *Flattened P.*
      - Leaf-sheaths not flattened . . . . . 3. *Sea P.*
    - Stems tufted. Flowering glumes about 1 line long . . . . 4. *Reflexed P.*
  - *Panicle compact, seldom 3 inches long. Spikelets crowded. Root annual.*
    - Spikelets about 3- or 4-flowered. Flowering glumes strongly nerved . . . . . 5. *Procumbent P.*
    - Spikelets 6- or more flowered. Flowering glumes faintly nerved . . . . . 6. *Hard P.*
  - *Panicle reduced to a single spike, with the lower spikelets occasionally clustered. Root annual* . . . . . 7. *Darnel P.*
- Panicle scarcely one-sided, the branches and pedicels slender. Flowering glumes all keeled, with minute silky hairs on the keel or sides.
  - Root annual. No hairs on the axis of the spikelet . . . . . 8. *Annual P.*
  - Stock perennial. Minute woolly hairs on the axis under the flowering glumes.
    - *Panicle ovate or oblong, more or less crowded.*
      - Stem creeping at the base. Leaf-stalks much flattened . 9. *Flattened P.*
      - Stock tufted. Stems and lower sheaths thickened at the base.
        - Stems bulbous at the base. Panicle contracted . . . . 15. *Bulbous P.*
        - Stems scarcely bulbous. Panicle rather loose . . . . 14. *Alpine P.*
    - *Panicle loose or very long.*
      - Glumes pointed. Flowers about 3.
        - Panicle long. Spikelets oblong or lanceolate.
          - Stems weak. Leaves narrow and flaccid. Panicle slender 12. *Wood P.*
          - Stems tall. Leaves long and stiff. Panicle very long and rather stiff . . . . . *Purple Molinia.*
        - Panicle very spreading, with slender branches, and few, rather large, ovate spikelets. (Alpine plant.) . . . 13. *Wavy P.*

Flowering glumes rather obtuse. Panicle spreading, with numerous spikelets.
Rootstock with creeping scions. Lateral nerves of the flowering glumes very faint . . . . . 10. *Meadow P.*
No creeping scions. Lateral nerves of the flowering glumes conspicuous . . . . . 11. *Roughish P.*

1. **Reed Poa. Poa aquatica,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1315. *Glyceria,* Bab. Man.)

A stout, reed-like perennial, 4 to 6 feet high, with a creeping rootstock. Leaves flat and very rough on the edges. Panicle much branched, spreading, nearly a foot long. Spikelets numerous, with 5 to 8 or 10 flowers. Outer glumes unequal, thin, and 1-nerved. Flowering glumes about 1½ lines long, loosely imbricated, strongly 5- or 7-ribbed, rather obtuse, and scarious at the top.

In wet ditches, and shallow waters, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, and in North America. Frequent in England and Ireland, but rare in Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

2. **Floating Poa. Poa fluitans,** Scop.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1520. *Glyceria fluitans* and *G. plicata,* Bab. Man.)

An aquatic perennial, often 2 or 3 feet high or more, with rather thick but weak stems, creeping at the base; the leaves often floating on the surface of the water. Panicle erect and slender, a foot long or more; the branches few and usually erect. Spikelets few, ½ to 1 inch long, with from about 8 to near 20 flowers. Outer glumes unequal, thin, and 1-nerved. Flowering glumes loosely imbricated, 1½ to near 3 lines long, strongly 5- or 7-ribbed, scarious at the top, obtuse or slightly pointed.

In wet ditches, and stagnant or slow-running waters, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, and in North America. Common in Britain. *Fl. all summer.*

3. **Sea Poa. Poa maritima,** Huds.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1140. *Sclerochloa,* Bab. Man.)

A perennial, with a creeping rootstock and decumbent or erect stems, attaining about a foot in height. Leaves rather short, narrow, and usually convolute. Panicle erect, rather stiff, 3 or 4 inches long, or sometimes more; the branches erect, or the lower ones spreading. Spikelets not numerous, shortly stalked, all turned to one side of the branches, each about 6 lines long, and containing about 6 or 8 flowers. Glumes near 1½ lines long, all rounded on the back, obtuse and scarious at the top, and faintly 5-nerved, the lowest outer one rather smaller.

In maritime sands, common on the coasts of Europe and western Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Aretic Circle, and in North America. Frequent all round the British Isles. *Fl. summer.*

4. **Reflexed Poa. Poa distans,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 986. *Sclerochloa,* Bab. Man., and *S. Borreri,* Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2797.)

Very near the *sea P.*, of which it may possibly prove to be a mere variety. The stock is tufted or the stems scarcely creep at the base; the leaves are flatter, the stems taller and more slender, the panicle much more spreading, with long, slender branches, and the spikelets smaller, the glumes not above a line long.

In sandy pastures, and waste places, chiefly near the sea, in Europe and western Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle, and in North America. In Britain, in the maritime counties of England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

5. **Procumbent Poa. Poa procumbens,** Curt.

(Eng. Bot. t. 532. *Sclerochloa*, Bab. Man.)

A tufted annual, with decumbent stems, 6 or 8 inches long, or very seldom attaining a foot. Leaves flat. Panicle branched, and one-sided as in the two last species, but much more compact, seldom above 2 inches long. Spikelets rather crowded, nearly sessile along the branches, about 4-flowered. Glumes as in the *sea P.*, but rather smaller, stiffer, with the nerves more conspicuous.

In waste ground near the sea, on the western coasts of Europe, from the Spanish Peninsula to Holland. Occurs on various parts of the coasts of England and Ireland, but a doubtful native of Scotland. *Fl. summer.*

6. **Hard Poa. Poa rigida,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1371. *Sclerochloa*, Bab. Man.)

A tufted annual, usually about 6 inches high, with stiff stems, erect or slightly decumbent at the base. Panicle lanceolate, one-sided, about 2 inches long, rather crowded; the branches slightly spreading. Spikelets on short, stiff pedicels, linear, about 3 lines long, each with about 6 or 8 flowers. Flowering glumes scarcely a line long, rather obtuse, with very faint lateral nerves, the outer empty pair more pointed and more distinctly nerved.

In waste, dry, or stony places, in central and southern Europe and western Asia. Common in southern England and Ireland, but neither in Scotland nor the extreme north of England. *Fl. summer.*

7. **Darnel Poa. Poa loliacea,** Huds.

(*Triticum*, Eng. Bot. t. 221. *Sclerochloa*, Bab. Man.)

A tufted annual like the last, but usually smaller and stiffer; the panicle reduced to an almost simple spike, along which the spikelets are almost sessile, in 2 rows, on alternate sides of the axis, but all turning one way; the lower ones often 2 or 3 together in a sessile cluster. Each spikelet is about 3 lines long, with 6 to 8 flowers. Glumes about a line long, more or less keeled, especially at the top, with faint lateral nerves and scarious edges, obtuse or slightly pointed; the outer empty pair nearly similar to the flowering ones, but more strongly nerved.

On sandy sea-shores, common on the Mediterranean and up the western coasts of Europe to the English Channel. Scattered here and there along the coasts of England and Ireland, and very local in Scotland. *Fl. summer.* This species has been successively transferred by different botanists from *Triticum*, where it was originally placed by Smith, to *False-Brome* and *Fescue*, with all of which it has considerable affinity, or it has been made one of the small genera *Sclerochloa*, *Catapodium*, or *Scleropoa*, more recently established.

8. **Annual Poa. Poa annua,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1141.)

A tufted annual, usually about 6 inches high, with flat, flaccid, bright-

green leaves. Panicle loose and spreading, 1½ to 3 inches long, with slender branches. Spikelets all stalked, oblong or linear, each with from 3 to 6 or rarely more flowers. Flowering glumes scarious at the top, keeled from the base; the lateral nerves also slightly prominent when dry, without woolly hairs on the axis of the spikelet, but very minutely silky-hairy on the keel.

In cultivated and waste places, most abundant in the temperate regions of the northern hemisphere, but extending into almost every part of the globe. Very common in Britain, and a chief ingredient in the grass of some of the London Parks. *Fl. nearly the whole year round.* It will often germinate, flower, ripen and shed its seeds, and die away, in the course of a few weeks.

9. **Flattened Poa. Poa compressa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 365, and *P. polynoda*, Bab. Man.)

A perennial, seldom above a foot high, with a creeping rootstock, and erect stems more or less flattened at the base. Leaves rather short, with flattened sheaths and a short, obtuse ligula. Panicle oblong, 2 to 3 inches long, slightly spreading, but rather crowded, with many of the spikelets sessile, and the branches turned towards one side, but not so much so as in the *procumbent* and the *sea P.* Spikelets ovate-oblong, usually 4- to 6-flowered, with occasionally a few woolly hairs on the axis. Flowering glumes about a line long, with minute silky hairs along the keel; the lateral nerves not prominent.

On dry, barren, waste ground, and frequently on walls, in temperate and southern Europe, in Russian Asia, and North America, extending far into Scandinavia, but not an Arctic plant. Frequent in England, Ireland, and southern Scotland, but apparently not further north. *Fl. all summer.*

10. **Meadow Poa. Poa pratensis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1073, and *P. subcærulea*, t. 1004.)

A perennial, 1 to 2 feet high, with a more or less creeping rootstock or emitting creeping scions aboveground. Leaves rather narrow, with a short, obtuse ligula. Panicle 2 to 3 inches long, with slender, spreading branches. Spikelets numerous, ovate or oblong, all or nearly all stalked, each with about 4 flowers. Flowering glumes rather more than a line long, with minute silky hairs on the keel; the lateral nerves scarcely prominent.

In meadows and pastures, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle, in North America, and reappearing in the southern hemisphere. Abundant in Britain. *Fl. summer, commencing early.*

11. **Roughish Poa. Poa trivialis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1072.)

Very near the *meadow P.*, but there are no creeping scions; the stems are usually taller and more slender; the ligula of the leaf longer; the panicle more slender, often 6 inches long, with slender, spreading branches; the spikelets have seldom more than 3 flowers, and usually only 2. Flowering glumes as in the *meadow P.*, except that the lateral nerves are much more conspicuous.

In meadows and pastures, with the same geographical range as the *meadow P.*, and at least as common. Abundant also in Britain. *Fl. summer, commencing early.*

12. **Wood Poa. Poa nemoralis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1265, *P. cæsia*, t. 1719, *P. glauca*, t. 1720, *P. Parnelii*, Suppl. t. 2916, and *P. Balfourii*, Suppl. t. 2918.)

A perennial, 1 to 2 feet high, tufted or slightly creeping at the base, erect, but weaker and more slender than the two last, with narrower leaves, their ligules very short. Panicle contracted or spreading, with slender branches. Spikelets compressed, lanceolate or ovate, with 2 to 5 flowers in each, and scarcely any woolly hairs on the axis. Flowering glumes rather more than a line long, lanceolate, more pointed than in the two last species, with a line of small silky hairs on each side and another on the keel.

In woods and shady places, and on moist mountain rocks, throughout Europe and Russian Asia from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions. Frequent in Britain. *Fl. summer.* A mountain variety, often distinguished under the name of *P. cæsia*, has the stems usually shorter, the panicle less branched, and the spikelets rather longer, but it passes gradually into the common form.

13. **Wavy Poa. Poa laxa,** Hænke.

(*P. flexuosa*, Eng. Bot. t. 1123. *P. minor*, Bab. Man.)

A tufted or slightly creeping perennial, seldom a foot high, near the *alpine P.*, but more slender, with narrower and more numerous leaves. Panicle loose, with few spreading branches. Spikelets rather larger than in the *alpine P.*, from 1 to 3 on each branch of the panicle, ovate, each with 3 or 4 flowers. Glumes about 2 lines long, more pointed than in most *Poas.*

An alpine species, confined to high northern latitudes, or to great elevations in the mountains of Europe, Russian Asia, and North America. In Britain, only on Ben Nevis and Loch-na-Gar, in Scotland, where it is usually in a viviparous state, and then not easily distinguished from the *alpine P.* I myself have seen no Scotch specimens that I could refer with certainty to the *wavy P.*

14. **Alpine Poa. Poa alpina,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1003.)

Stems tufted, often swollen at the base, but not so much so as in the *bulbous P.*, 6 inches to a foot high. Leaves short, rather broad, mostly radical or nearly so, and when perfect have a short inflected point. Panicle ovoid, about 2 inches long, rather spreading, with short but slender branches. Spikelets crowded, ovate, 3- to 5-flowered. Flowering glumes pointed and keeled; the lateral nerves not prominent, with a few minute silky hairs on the keel and edges, but with little or no wool at their base on the axis of the spikelet.

In alpine pastures, common in all the great mountain-ranges of Europe and central and Russian Asia, and at high latitudes in North America. Abundant on the higher mountains of Scotland, Ireland, and northern England, and frequently in a viviparous state, the spikelets being converted into leafy bulbs. *Fl. summer.*

15. **Bulbous Poa. Poa bulbosa,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1071.)

A low, tufted perennial, seldom above 6 inches high, and remarkable for the bulbs formed by the swollen base of the stems and leaf-sheaths. Leaves

short, the ligula of the upper ones prominent and acute. Panicle ovoid or oblong, spike-like or scarcely spreading, not much above an inch long. Spikelets ovate, 3- or 4-flowered. Flowering glumes about a line long or rather more, pointed and keeled; the lateral nerves not prominent, with minute silky hairs on the keel and edges, and a few short woolly ones at their base on the axis of the spikelet.

In dry waste places, on roadsides, etc., especially near the sea, in temperate and southern Europe, and across Russian Asia, extending northwards into southern Scandinavia. In Britain, chiefly near the sea, in the southern and eastern counties of England, but not recorded from Ireland or Scotland. *Fl. spring.*

XXXVI. **CATABROSE.** CATABROSA.

A single species, closely allied to *Poa*, but the spikelets have usually only 2 flowers, the glumes broad and truncate at the top or slightly jagged.

1. **Water Catabrose. Catabrosa aquatica,** Beauv.

(*Aira*, Eng. Bot. t. 1557.)

A glabrous, tender, pale-green perennial; the stems procumbent, and creeping or floating at the base, rooting at the nodes, and often 2 or 3 feet long; the flowering branches erect. Leaves short, flat, and flaccid. Panicle 4 to 6 inches long, consisting of many sets of half-whorled, unequal, slender, and spreading branches. Spikelets 1 to near 2 lines long. Outermost glume very short and small, the second larger, broad, and truncate at the top like the flowering ones, but much shorter: these are scarious, and slightly toothed or jagged at the top, with very prominent ribs. Paleas similar but rather smaller, with only 2 ribs.

In shallow pools, and ditches, in Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions. Generally, although thinly, scattered over Britain. *Fl. early summer.*

XXXVII. **MOLINIA.** MOLINIA.

A single species, very near *Poa* and *Festuca*, differing from the former in the much more pointed glumes, from *Festuca* in the smaller and rather less flattened spikelets. There is also, at the base of the palea of the uppermost flower, a small, bristle-like appendage, being a continuation of the axis of the spikelet, and bearing sometimes the rudiment of another flower, although less conspicuous than in *Melica*. This rudimentary terminal flower may however be occasionally observed in most of the allied genera.

1. **Purple Molinia. Molinia cærulea,** Mœnch.

(*Melica*, Eng. Bot. t. 750.)

A rather coarse, stiff perennial, often 3 feet high, with the leaves chiefly radical, forming large tufts, long and flat, rather stiff, and slightly hairy on the upper side. Panicle narrow but loose, 6 inches to above a foot long, green or purplish; the branches erect or scarcely spreading. Spikelets erect, narrow and pointed, 2 to 4 lines long, usually with about 3 flowers. Glumes acute, the outer ones shorter than the flowering ones, and rather unequal.

In wet heathy places, moors, woods, and waste places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions. Common in Britain, except where destroyed by cultivation. *Fl. late in summer, or autumn.*

XXXVIII. **MELICK.** MELICA.

Spikelets awnless, rather large, and few in a slender panicle, each with 1 or 2 flowers, besides a small, terminal, wedge-shaped glume, enclosing 1 or 2 more minute or rudimentary ones. Glumes broad and several-nerved, but not keeled; the outer empty ones thin, the flowering ones of a rather firmer texture.

A small but natural and widely dispersed genus, readily known by the small, terminal, empty glumes, much more conspicuous than in any of the allied genera.

Spikelets drooping, 2-flowered . . . . . 1. *Mountain M.*
Spikelets erect, 1-flowered . . . . . 2. *Wood M.*

1. **Mountain Melick. Melica nutans,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1059.)

A slender erect perennial, 1 to 2 feet high, with erect, flat leaves. Panicle one-sided, 2 to 3 inches long; the short but slender branches usually erect, so as to give it the appearance of a simple raceme. Spikelets about 10 to 15, drooping, 3 or even 4 lines long, 2-flowered; the outer glumes brown or purple, with scarious edges, the flowering ones scarcely protruding beyond them; the inner imperfect glume much shorter, broadly wedge-shaped.

In woods, and shady rocky places, in hilly districts, extending all over Europe and Russian Asia, from the mountains of the south to the Arctic Zone. In Britain, chiefly in Scotland and the north of England, not recorded from Ireland. *Fl. early summer.*

2. **Wood Melick. Melica uniflora,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1058.)

An elegant perennial, 1 to 2 feet high, more slender even than the *mountain M.*, with longer and narrower leaves. Panicle sometimes reduced to an almost simple raceme with only 3 or 4 spikelets, sometimes with a few long, slender, distant branches, each bearing several spikelets. Each spikelet near 3 lines long, coloured as in the *mountain M.*, but erect and containing but one flower; the imperfect inner glume oblong, stalked, and reaching to the height of the flowering one.

In woods and shady places, in central and southern Europe, extending eastward to the Caucasus and northward into Scandinavia. Frequent in England and Ireland, much less so and quite partially distributed in Scotland. *Fl. early summer.*

XXXIX. **TRIODIA.** TRIODIA.

Spikelets awnless, rather large, and few in a panicle, contracted almost into a simple raceme, and few-flowered. Outer glumes pointed, as long as the flowering ones or longer; flowering glumes with 3 very minute teeth at the top.

A small genus, chiefly Australian, differing from *Oat* and its allies chiefly in the absence of any awn, from *Fescue* in the outer glumes usually exceeding the flowering ones.

1. **Decumbent Triodia.** **Triodia decumbens,** Beauv.

(*Poa*, Eng. Bot. t. 792.)

A tufted perennial, 6 inches to a foot high. Leaves narrow, with a few long soft hairs on their sheaths and edges, and a tuft of hairs in the place of their ligula. Spikelets seldom more than 5 or 6, erect, containing 3 or 4 flowers. Outer glumes of a firm consistence, but nearly scarious towards the edges, 4 or 5 lines long, concave but keeled, very pointed and glabrous; flowering glumes deeply concave, ending in 3 minute teeth, the central one more pointed, but all 3 often scarcely prominent.

On dry heaths, and hilly pastures, in central and northern Europe and western Asia, extending from northern Spain and Italy, far into Scandinavia, but not an Arctic plant. In Britain, generally distributed and rather common. *Fl. summer.*

XL. **KŒLERIA.** KŒLERIA.

Spikelets few-flowered, in nearly sessile clusters, crowded into an oblong or nearly cylindrical spike-like panicle; the glumes keeled, scarious on the edges, pointed, or, in some exotic species, awned.

A small genus, chiefly European and Asiatic, with a few species from the southern hemisphere, all closely allied to *Poa* and *Fescue*, from which they differ chiefly in inflorescence, which is nearer to that of *Phleum* or *Phalaris*.

1. **Crested Kœleria.** **Kœleria cristata,** Pers.

(*Aira*, Eng. Bot. t. 648.)

A perennial, usually about 6 inches high, with a dense tuft of short leaves, chiefly radical; but in luxuriant specimens the stems attain a foot, with leaves almost as long. Spike cylindrical, 1 to 2 inches long or even more, the lower clusters more or less distant. Spikelets usually 2- or 3-flowered; the glumes $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 lines long, and very pointed; the outer ones unequal, and scarious on the edge only; the flowering ones white and scarious, except the green keel, giving the spike a variegated and shining, silvery-grey aspect.

In dry pastures, in central and southern Europe, extending more sparingly northwards into Scandinavia, in central and Russian Asia, in North America, and New Zealand. Widely distributed over the hilly districts of Britain, and abundant in some parts, but rare, or wholly wanting in others. *Fl. summer.*

XLI. **SESLERIA.** SESLERIA.

Spikelets few-flowered, in nearly sessile clusters, crowded into an ovoid or cylindrical spike-like panicle, as in *Kœleria*, but there is usually a glume-like bract on the main axis, at the base of the lower spikelets. Outer glumes nearly equal and pointed, the flowering ones 3- or 5-toothed at the top, the central tooth lengthened into a point, or (in exotic species) into a short awn.

A small genus, chiefly south European and west Asiatic, differing from *Poa* in the inflorescence, and in most species by the presence of an outer bract under the spikelets, which is analogous to those of the *Sedge* family.

1. **Blue Sesleria. Sesleria cærulea,** Ard.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1613.)

A perennial, 6 inches to nearly a foot high, with a shortly creeping root-stock, and densely tufted, short, and rather stiff radical leaves. Spike (or spike-like panicle) ovoid or oblong, ½ to ¾ inch long, often assuming a bluish-grey hue. Spikelets not numerous, but closely packed, generally in pairs, one sessile, the other shortly stalked; the lower ones with a broad, glume-like bract at their base. Glumes about 2 lines long, the flowering ones usually 2 in each spikelet, shortly protruding beyond the outer ones, their central tooth forming a short point.

In mountain pastures, especially in limestone districts, in Europe and western Asia, from the mountains of Spain and Italy to Scandinavia. In Britain, confined to Scotland, the north of England, and the north and west of Ireland. *Fl. spring and early summer.*

XLII. **REED.** ARUNDO.

Very tall, erect, perennial Grasses, with long, broad leaves, and a large, crowded panicle. Spikelets several-flowered, with long, silky hairs on the axis, enveloping the flowers.

The species, though not numerous, are very conspicuous in the temperate and warmer climates both of the new and the old world, and form a natural genus if considered as including, as well our northern species, often separated under the name of *Phragmites*, as the South American *Pampas Grass*, recently introduced into our gardens, and generically distinguished under the name of *Gynerium*, on account of its flowers usually (but, it is said, not always) dicecious. The genus differs from *Seareed* and *Smallreed* chiefly in having more than one flower in the spikelet.

1. **Common Reed. Arundo Phragmites,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 401. *Phragmites communis*, Brit. Fl.)

A stout perennial, usually 5 or 6 feet high, but sometimes twice as much, with a long, creeping rootstock, and numerous long leaves, often an inch broad, all the way up the stem. Panicle from a few inches to a foot long, with numerous branches, more or less drooping, of a purplish-brown colour. Spikelets very numerous, narrow, above 6 lines long. Outermost glume lanceolate, concave, about 1½ lines long, and empty; the second narrower, and twice that length; the third still longer, and also empty, or with 1 or 2 stamens only; and all 3 without hairs outside. Above are 2 or 3 flowering glumes about the same length, but narrower, ending in an almost awn-like point, and surrounded by silky hairs which lengthen much as the seed ripens, giving the panicle a beautiful silvery appearance.

In wet ditches, marshes, and shallow waters, almost all over the world, from the tropics to the Arctic Zone. Common in Britain. *Fl. end of summer, and autumn.*

Class III. CRYPTOGAMS.

No real flowers, that is, neither stamens, nor pistils, nor true seeds, the fructification consisting of minute, often highly microscopic granules, called *Spores*, variously enclosed in sessile or stalked capsules, or imbedded within the substance of the plant, the capsules themselves sometimes so small as to be scarcely visible without the aid of a microscope.

The few British *Cryptogams* which are included in the present Volume have all of them roots, and stems or rootstocks, very similar in structure to those of some *Monocotyledons*, and in some the leaves are also nearly the same, but in others the leaves are more or less converted into fruiting branches, bearing the fructification on their surface or edges, and are therefore now generally distinguished from true leaves by the name of *fronds*. In the remaining families of *Cryptogams*, called *Cellular*, there is either no distinct stem, or the stem does not contain any fibres or vascular tissue. None of these can be readily determined without the use of high magnifying powers, and the assistance of carefully executed plates. However great, therefore, may be the interest attached to them, they are beyond the scope of the present Flora ; and the amateur of British Botany, desirous of entering into their study, is referred to the works of Hooker, Wilson, Harvey, Berkeley, and others, devoted each to particular families. These *Cellular Cryptogams* are comprised in the five following families :—

Mosses. Stem and leaves distinct, but without vessels. Spores contained in little globular or urn-shaped capsules, which are usually pedicellate, and open by the falling off of a lid at the top.

Hepaticæ. Stem and leaves sometimes like those of *Mosses*, sometimes reduced to flat, leaf-like expansions. Spores contained in little capsules, either stalked, as in the *Mosses*, but opening in valves, or immersed in the substance of the frond.

Lichens. Plants consisting of a variously-shaped flat, or shortly erect expansion called the *thallus*, not usually green, but turning greenish if rubbed, sometimes so thin as not to be distinguished but by colour from the stones or bark they grow on. Fructification in little shield-like or wart-like bodies on the surface of the thallus.

Fungi. Plants of infinite variety of shape and colour, but not green even when rubbed, usually growing on decaying organized substances, often themselves microscopic, and their fructification always so. They include *Mushrooms*, *Moulds*, *Mildews*, *Dryrot*, *Vinegar Plants*, etc.

Algæ. Aquatic plants, entirely submerged, variously coloured; the fructification usually imbedded in the substance of the frond, and almost always microscopic. They include the *Seaweeds*, the fresh-water *Confervas*, and according to some authors the *Charas* also, which in the short, whorled branches of their fronds show some approach to the *Equisetum* family, but they float like the *Algæ*, and have axillary fructifications.

LXXXIX. CLUBMOSS FAMILY. LYCOPODIACEÆ.

Leaves radical or alternate, undivided in the British genera. Spores enclosed in capsules, sessile or nearly so, either at the base or in the axils of the leaves, or forming a terminal spike interspersed with leaf-like bracts.

Aquatic plants, with linear, grass-like, radical leaves.
Stock tufted. Fructification in the thickened base of the leaves . . 1. QUILLWORT.
Rootstock creeping. Capsules globular, in the axils of the leaves . 2. PILLWORT.
Terrestrial plants, with the leaves usually short and crowded . . . . 3. CLUBMOSS.

I. QUILLWORT. ISOETES.

Stock very short, rooting at the base, bearing a tuft of linear leaves, the whole plant usually under water. Capsules more or less enclosed within the enlarged base of the leaves, those of the inner leaves filled with minute powdery granules, those of the outer leaves containing larger grains, at first cohering in fours.

A small genus, widely spread over the greater part of the globe.

1. European Quillwort. Isoetes lacustris, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1084.)

A perennial, of a bright green, forming dense tufts under the water. Leaves narrow-linear, much like those of several *Monocotyledons*, varying from 2 to 6 inches long, their enlarged bases giving the plant often a bulbous appearance.

In mountain pools, and shallow lakes, in central and northern Europe, northern and Arctic Asia, and North America. In Britain, in the mountainous parts of Scotland, northern England, Wales, and Ireland. *Fr. summer and autumn.*

II. PILLWORT. PILULARIA.

Rootstock creeping under water, with subulate leaves almost solitary at the nodes. Capsules globular, almost sessile in the axils of the leaves, divided into 4 cells, opening when ripe, at the top, in 4 valves, and containing very minute powdery granules and some larger grains.

The genus consists but of a single species.

1. Creeping Pillwort. Pilularia globulifera, Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 521.)

The slender rootstock often creeps to a considerable extent, rooting at every node. Leaves very fine, bright green, usually 2 or 3 inches long. Capsules like little pills, near 2 lines diameter, and covered with short hairs.

In the shallow edges of pools and lakes, in temperate Europe and western Asia; not recorded either from the Arctic or the Mediterranean regions. Widely distributed over Britain, and in some places not uncommon, but often overlooked. *Fr. summer and autumn.*

III. CLUBMOSS. LYCOPODIUM.

Perennials, with a branched, usually creeping stem, crowded with small,

moss-like, entire or minutely serrated leaves. Capsules sessile in the axils of the upper stem-leaves, or of bracts usually thinner and broader than the stem-leaves, forming an erect, cylindrical terminal spike, each capsule opening by a transverse slit in 2 valves, and either all filled with minute powdery granules, or some containing larger grains.

A large genus, widely spread over every part of the globe, and readily divisible into two sections, often considered as genera, the true *Clubmosses*, with all the capsules filled with minute powdery granules, which comprise our 5 first species; and the *Selaginellas*, which have capsules of both kinds, and are represented in Britain only by the *lesser C.*

Capsules in the axils of the stem-leaves. Stems tufted, scarcely creeping . . . . . 4. *Fir C.*
Capsules in terminal spikes. Stems creeping or prostrate.
Creeping stems long and hard. Fruiting branches forked or clustered.
Leaves about 1 line long, closely imbricated in 4 rows . . . . 3. *Alpine C.*
Leaves 2 or 3 lines long, spreading, with fine points.
Spikes pedunculate, usually 2 or 3 together . . . . . 1. *Common C.*
Spike solitary and sessile above the last stem-leaves . . . 2. *Interrupted C.*
Creeping or prostrate stems, slender, 1 to 3 inches long. Fruiting branches simple.
Creeping stems slightly branched, with narrow leaves all turned up one way . . . . . 5. *Marsh C.*
Prostrate stems much branched. Leaves small, spreading . . 6. *Lesser C.*

1. **Common Clubmoss. Lycopodium clavatum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 224.)

Stems hard, creeping, 1 to 2 feet long, with ascending forked branches, 1 to 3 inches long, all completely covered with the crowded, moss-like, but rather stiff leaves, which are linear, 2 to 3 lines long, including their fine, hair-like points; those on the creeping stem all turned upwards; those on the branches imbricated all round. Spikes 1 to 1½ inches long, scattering their yellow dust in great profusion, 2 or sometimes 3 together, on a peduncle at least as long, bearing small, narrow, yellowish leaves or scales, about half as large as the stem-leaves.

In hilly pastures and heaths, in central and northern Europe, Russian Asia, and North America, extending from the Pyrenees and the Alps to the Arctic regions, and in the southern hemisphere. Generally distributed over Britain, but more common in the north. *Fr. summer and autumn.*

2. **Interrupted Clubmoss. Lycopodium annotinum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1727.)

The long, hard, creeping stems, with short ascending branches all covered with leaves, are the same as in the *common C.*, but the leaves are much stiffer, more spreading, full 3 lines long, without any hair-like point, and the spikes, seldom an inch long, are always solitary and closely sessile at the extremity of the leafy branches.

In mountain heaths, woods, and stony places, in central and northern Europe, Russian Asia, and North America, extending from the Alps to the Arctic regions. In Britain, only in the mountains of Scotland, northern England, and North Wales. *Fr. summer and autumn.*

3. **Alpine Clubmoss. Lycopodium alpinum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 234.)

The stems creep as in the last two species, and sometimes attain a consi-

derable length, but the ascending branches are much more divided, forming close clusters or tufts, 2 to 3 inches high. Leaves scarcely above a line long, few on the creeping stems, numerous on the branches, and closely imbricated in 4 rows. Spikes about ½ inch long, closely sessile, and solitary at the extremity of the leafy branches.

In mountain pastures, in Europe and central and Russian Asia, extending from the Pyrenees and Alps to the Arctic regions. In Britain, common in the mountains of Scotland, northern Ireland, and northern and central England, and in one locality in Somersetshire. *Fr. summer.*

4. **Fir Clubmoss. Lycopodium Selago,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 233.)

Stems scarcely creeping, though slightly decumbent and rooting at the base; the forked branches forming dense, level-topped tufts, 3 or 4 inches high, completely covered with their crowded but spreading dark-green leaves, all lanceolate, 3 or 4 lines long, with a short fine point. Capsules in the axils of the upper leaves, not forming a distinct spike; they are sometimes replaced by little pedicellate leafy bulbs.

In hilly pastures, in Europe, Russian Asia, and North America, extending from Spain, northern Italy, and the Caucasus to the Arctic regions, and in the southern hemisphere. Frequent in all hilly parts of Britain, except some of the southern counties of England. *Fr. summer and autumn.*

5. **Marsh Clubmoss. Lycopodium inundatum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 239.)

Stems slender and creeping, scarcely branched, seldom above 2 inches long, with narrow-linear leaves, about 2 lines long, all turned upwards. Fruiting branches solitary, simple and erect, 1½ to 3 inches high, with leaves like those of the stem, but loosely scattered all round. The upper end of the branch is thickened into a fruiting spike, from ¾ to 1 inch long; the bracts very like the stem-leaves but broader at the base.

In heathy bogs and sandy swamps, dispersed over the greater part of Europe, especially the western States, and in North America, but not recorded either from Asia or the Arctic regions. Irregularly distributed over various parts of Scotland and England, but not common, and not known in Ireland. *Fr. summer and autumn.*

6. **Lesser Clubmoss. Lycopodium selaginoides,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1148.)

Stems slender, prostrate, much branched, forming moss-like patches 3 or 4 inches in diameter. Leaves spreading, lanceolate, pointed, 1 to 1½ lines long, not so densely crowded as in the other species. Fruiting branches ascending or erect, solitary and simple, with rather longer leaves; those of the spike or fruiting part full 2 lines long, lanceolate, and bordered with a few fine teeth. Spike ½ to ¾ inch long, the upper capsules filled with a minute powdery dust, the lower containing larger grains.

In moist mountain pastures, and wet, stony places, in Europe, Russian Asia, and North America, extending from the Alps and Pyrenees to the Arctic regions. Not uncommon in Scotland, northern and central England, North Wales, and northern Ireland. *Fr. summer and autumn.*

XC. THE EQUISETUM FAMILY. EQUISETACEÆ.

A family consisting of a single genus, distinguished from all others as well by the articulate and whorled stems, only resembling some of the larger fossil plants now extinct, as by the fructification.

I. EQUISETUM. EQUISETUM.

Leafless herbs, with a perennial, usually creeping rootstock, and erect, rush-like, hollow, and jointed stems, marked with longitudinal striæ or furrows, with a sheath at each joint which encloses the base of the next internode, and is bordered with short or elongated teeth, usually as many as the striæ of the stem. These stems are either simple or have at each node, from the base of the sheath, a whorl of jointed branches similar to the stem, but with fewer striæ, and always simple, except in the *wood E.* Fructification an ovoid or oblong terminal spike, consisting of several whorls of peltate, shield-shaped, shortly-stalked scales (usually brown or black), under each of which are several (about 6 or 7) capsules, filled with minute spores and opening down the inner side. Under the microscope there will be seen to be attached to each spore at its base 4 thread-like filaments, club-shaped at the top, rolled spirally round the spore when moist, uncoiling elastically when dry.

The species are not numerous, although widely diffused over the temperate and colder regions of the northern hemisphere, extending more sparingly into tropical countries. Some of them accommodate themselves to a great variety of stations and become very variable. To determine them it is not only necessary to have the fruiting stem, but also to observe whether the plant bears or not barren fronds at the same time, and whether these are similar or dissimilar to the fruiting ones. Accidental variations must also be guarded against. The side branches sometimes bear spikes, or shoots similar to these side branches may arise from the stock, and if gathered alone, without observing the more ordinary state of the stems, may become very puzzling.

Fruiting stems, in spring, simple, thick, with long, loose sheaths, and withering before the barren ones appear.
- Sheaths of the fruiting stems more than an inch long, with numerous subulate teeth . . . . . 1. *Great E.*
- Sheaths under an inch, distant from each other, with about 8 or 10 lanceolate teeth . . . . . 2. *Field E.*

Fruiting stems appearing in or lasting till summer, at the same time as the barren ones, and nearly similar to them.
- Sheaths with few lanceolate lobes. Branches of the stem again branched at the nodes (in the fruiting stems appearing often after the fruiting has commenced) . . . . . 3. *Wood E.*
- Sheaths with short or subulate teeth.
  - *Spike very obtuse.*
    - Striæ of the stem, and teeth of the sheaths numerous (usually 15 to 20).
      - Branches few in each whorl or none. Stems mostly fruiting and similar . . . . . 5. *Smooth E.*
      - Branches of the barren stems numerous in each whorl. Fruiting stems simple at first, the branches growing out afterwards . . . . . 4. *Shady E.*
    - Angles of the stem and teeth of the sheaths few (rarely more than 8) . . . . . 6. *Marsh E.*

Spike terminating in a short point or minute cone.
Stems usually simple. Whorled branches none or very rare.
Stems tall, with numerous (usually 15 to 20) striæ and sheath-teeth . . . . . 7. *Rough E.*
Stems low and slender, often tufted, with few (usually 8 to 10) striæ and sheath-teeth . . . . . 9. *Variegated E.*
Stems, at least the central one, with whorled branches. Striæ and sheath-teeth few (usually 8 to 12) . . . . . 8. *Long F.*

1. **Great Equisetum. Equisetum Telmateia,** Ehrh.

(*E. fluviatile*, Eng. Bot. t. 2022.)

The fruiting stems appear alone early in spring, they are quite simple, 8 or 10 inches high, as thick as a finger, of a pale-brown colour; the sheaths rather loose, an inch long or more, completely covering the stem from one joint to the next, of a dark brown, marked with 20 or 30 or more longitudinal striæ, and fringed with as many long, subulate teeth, or half as many, these teeth being often joined 2 and 2 together. Spike full 2 inches long, the lower whorls of scales often distinct. Barren stems appearing after the fruiting ones have withered away, often several feet high, white, with the tips of the sheaths black; the long, crowded, slender branches very numerous in each whorl.

In marshy, shady, wet, or gravelly places, in temperate Europe, not extending northward into Scandinavia, nor perhaps southward into Spain, but eastward to Greece and the Caucasus, and thence all across Russian Asia, and in North America. Common in the greater part of England and Ireland, but not penetrating far into Scotland. *Fr. early spring.*

2. **Field Equisetum. Equisetum arvense,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2020. *Common Horsetail.*)

Fruiting stem simple, thick, 8 or 10 inches high, and dying before the barren ones appear, as in the *great E.*, but the sheaths are seldom above 8 or 9 lines long, at a considerable distance from each other, and have seldom more than about 10 lanceolate teeth, and are dark only in the upper part. Barren stems 1 to 2 feet high, with slender spreading branches, about 10 to 12 in each whorl; these are sometimes slightly branched, but never regularly so as in the *wood E.*

In fields and waste or moist places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions, and in North America. Abundant in Britain. *Fr. spring.*

3. **Wood Equisetum. Equisetum sylvaticum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1874.)

Fruiting stems at first nearly simple, and about a foot high, but soon branched, like the barren ones. Sheaths about half an inch long, divided into about 6 to 8 lanceolate, scarious lobes, broader than in our other *Equisetums*. Spike about 6 to 8 lines long, obtuse. Branches, both of the barren and fertile stems, 10 to 16 or more in a whorl, very slender, but not above 2 or 3 inches long, and remarkable for bearing, at the lower nodes at least, whorls of 2, 3, or more smaller branches, which gives the plant a very elegant tufted appearance.

In wet woods, and shady places, in temperate and northern Europe and Russian Asia, from northern Italy and the Caucasus to the Arctic regions, and in North America. Spread all over Britain, but more abundant in Scotland and northern England and Ireland than in the south. *Fr. summer, or commencing in spring.*

4. **Shady Equisetum. Equisetum pratense,** Ehrh.

(*E. Drummondi*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2777. *E. umbrosum*, Brit. Fl.)

Allied to the *wood E.* in stature and mode of growth; the fruiting stems at first simple, producing whorls of branches after the spike is developed; but the branches of both fruiting and barren stems are always simple, and the spike is larger. The fruiting stems at first resemble those of the *field E.*, but are much more slender. The sheaths have seldom less than 14, and usually about 20 striæ, and long, subulate teeth.

In moist woods, and shady places, generally distributed over the range of the *wood E.*, in Europe, Asia, and North America, but probably nowhere so common. Has been found in various parts of Scotland, northern and central England, and northern Ireland. *Fr. late in spring, and summer.*

5. **Smooth Equisetum. Equisetum limosum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 929.)

Stems mostly fruiting, 1 to 2 feet high or more, all, including the barren ones, simple, or with few short, simple branches at the middle or upper nodes; the striæ usually about 12 to 20, and prominent. Sheaths about 3 or 4 lines long, with shortly subulate or pointed teeth. Spike about 6 to 9 lines long, obtuse.

In marshy places, wet ditches, or shallow waters, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions. Common in Britain. *Fr. summer.*

6. **Marsh Equisetum. Equisetum palustre,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2021.)

Stems mostly fruiting, but all nearly similar, erect, about 1 to 1½ feet high, much thinner than in the *smooth E.*, and marked with only about 6 to 8 prominent striæ or angles, and deep furrows; the branches but few in a whorl, not very long, and not so thin as in some species. Sheaths 3 or 4 lines, with as many pointed or shortly subulate teeth as striæ. Spike as in the *smooth E.*

In marshes and spongy bogs, in Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions, but perhaps not in North America. Common in Britain. *Fr. summer.*

7. **Rough Equisetum. Equisetum hyemale,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 915. *Scouring Rush.*)

Stems mostly fruiting, but all similar and simple, or rarely with very few branches, 1 to 2 feet high or more, faintly marked with 15 to 20 striæ, and rough to the touch. Sheaths 3 to 5 lines long, white, with black rings round the top and the base; the teeth very minute and blunt, or rarely shortly subulate. Spike 6 to 9 lines long, with a little conical point on the rounded top.

In marshes and wet woods, in Europe and Russian Asia, extending from Spain and Italy to the Arctic regions, but more common in the north, and in North America. In Britain, chiefly in Scotland, Ireland, and northern and central England. *Fr. summer, rather late.*

8. **Long Equisetum. Equisetum ramosum,** Schleich.

(*E. Mackayi*, Brit. Fl. *E. trachyodon* and *E. Moorei*, Bab. Man.)

Very near the *rough E.*, with the same little conical point to the spike,

and very probably a mere variety, differing only in its slender stems, with only 8 to 12 or seldom more striæ; the sheaths have seldom any black ring round the base, though they often turn black altogether and the teeth have usually lanceolate, subulate points. The stem terminating the stock has usually a few long branches, especially from the lower whorls, and varies from 1 to 2 feet high or more; the lower stems are simple, slender, and shorter, all usually bearing a spike.

In sandy, moist places, generally dispersed over Europe and Russian Asia, but apparently rare in Britain, if indeed the British specimens be really distinct from the following. *Fr. summer, rather late.*

9. **Variegated Equisetum. Equisetum variegatum,** Web. et Mohr. (Eng. Bot. t. 1987.)

This is again considered by some, and perhaps correctly, as a variety of the *rough E.* Stems slender, all simple, or very rarely branched, usually in several tufts, 6 to 8 inches high, but the terminal or central one sometimes lengthened out to 1 or 2 feet, with only 8 to 10 striæ; the sheaths short, with a conspicuous black ring, and short teeth. Spike seldom half an inch long, with a conical point as in the *rough E.*

In maritime sands, or on the sandy banks of rivers, sometimes quite in water, in the maritime or mountain districts of Europe and Russian Asia, especially in the north, and more rarely in North America. In Britain, chiefly in Scotland, Ireland, and the coasts of northern England. *Fl. summer, rather late.*

XCI. THE FERN FAMILY. FILICES.

Herbs, with a perennial, short, or tufted, or creeping rootstock (in some exotic species growing up into a tall, woody stem), or rarely annual; with radical or alternate leaves, which, as they also partake of the nature of branches, are distinguished by the name of *fronds.* In most genera these fronds are, when young, rolled inwards at the top, and the rootstock, and sometimes also the stalks of the fronds, are more or less covered with brown, scarious, usually pointed scales. Fructification consisting of capsules, called *spore-cases* (*sporangia*), sometimes small and almost dust-like, arranged either in clusters, called *sori*, on the under surface of the frond, and often covered, when young, with a thin membrane, called the *indusium*, or in little involucres on the margin of the frond; sometimes rather larger, in spikes or panicles at the top of the frond, which has, lower down, either leafy branches or one leaf. These capsules open in various ways to discharge the minute, usually microscopical spores.

A very large Order, abundantly diffused over the whole surface of the globe, especially in moist climates, although some species may be found in the clinks of the hottest rocks. The elegance of their foliage has of late

years attracted as much interest in them on the part of cultivators and amateurs, as has their fructification and germination on the part of the physiologist. It has long been known that they can be reproduced from their spores, but it has only lately been ascertained that these spores when sown are developed into minute, green, leafy expansions, called *prothalli*, which alone have any analogy to the flowers of other plants. For on the prothallus are produced minute bodies, which have been compared to stamens and pistils, from whence the young Fern is subsequently developed. The spore may, under this theory, be said to be a young flower-bud, which only opens after it has fallen, the spore-case being an involucre enclosing innumerable buds, and the sorus a whole inflorescence.

The limitation of genera and species in the Ferns has always been a matter of great difficulty, and of late years their splitting and changing has been carried to such a degree as to throw the whole nomenclature into a state of utter confusion. The best characters are taken from the form and arrangement of the sori and of their indusium; and some large genera, such as *Adiant*, *Spleenwort*, etc., are natural, and readily recognized; but in *Polypody*, *Shield-Fern*, *Bladder-Fern*, etc., there is nothing in habit to serve as a guide, and the indusinm of the two latter genera is often so evanescent that it requires the most careful examination of specimens, in exactly the proper state, to ascertain its existence. I have been induced, therefore, with a view to assist the beginner in the determination of the British species, to include in the following Table of Genera the species also of the most difficult ones, endeavouring to lead to them by more prominent characters, without reference to the more minute, although essential ones, which distingnish the genera. It must be recollected, however, that to determine Ferns they must be in fruit. It is hopeless to attempt to find out by books to what species a barren frond belongs, and monstrous developments, and deformed fronds, now not uncommon in cultivation, and found occasionally wild, are here wholly passed over.*

1	Fructification in a terminal spike or panicle. The frond either leaf-like, or bearing a leaf in the lower part	2
	Fructification in a little cup or involucre at the edge of the frond	4
	Fructification on the back or under side of some or all the fronds	5
2	Fronds twice pinnate, usually 2 or more feet high, the fructification forming a panicle at their extremity	3. OSMUND.
	Fronds stem-like, not 6 inches high, with a terminal spike or panicle	3
3	Spike simple. Leaf entire	1. ADDER'S-TONGUE.
	Spike branched into a panicle. Leaf pinnate	2. MOONWORT.
4	Fronds numerous, scarcely 2 inches high, pinnate, with few deeply-lobed segments. Involucre ovate, 2-lobed	17. HYMENOPHYLL.
	Fronds 6 or 8 inches high, 2 or 3 times pinnate, with crowded segments. Involucre cup-shaped	16. TRICHOMANES.
5	Fronds tufted, of 2 sorts, the central ones erect, fruiting, the outer ones barren, usually shorter, with broader lobes	6
	Fruiting and barren fronds similar or nearly so	8
6	Fronds (stiff) simply pinnate, with entire lobes, the fruiting linear, the barren lanceolate	11. BLECHNUM.
	Fronds (delicate) much divided, with small, obovate or oblong, toothed lobes	7
7	Sori forming a line close to the margin of the frond	5. ALLOSORUS.
	Sori oblong, scattered on the surface of the frond	6. GYMNOGRAM.

* Further details of this beautiful tribe of plants may be found in the numerous illustrated works on Ferns which are daily advertised, among which Mr. Moore's 'Handbook of British Ferns' will be found a neat and compact, as well as an accurate and useful compendium.

8 { Fructification concealed by, or intermixed with, chaffy scales or hairs 9
Fructification in lines along the margin of the frouds, the indusium a membrane attached to the margin 10
Fructification in circular, oblong, or linear sori, on the under surface, witbout chaffy scales 11

9 { Fronds deeply pinnatifid, with entire segments. Sori linear, concealed by the scales. 10. CETERACH.
Fronds twice pinnate, with small segments. Sori circular, with chaffy hairs intermixed. 15. WOODSIA.

10 { Tall, erect, stiff fern, ternately divided, with pinnate branches and sessile lobes. 12. PTERIS.
Delicate fern, not a foot high, much divided, with broad, wedge-shaped lobes on capillary stalks . . . . . 13. ADIANT.

11 { Sori oblong or linear, covered (when young) with a membrane attached along the side 12
Sori circular, either without any indusium, or covered (when young) with a membrane attached by the centre or by a lateral point 13

12 { Frond entire. Indusium opening in a slit along the centre . . 9. HART'S-TONGUE.
Frond pinnate or much divided. Indusium opening along the inner side. 8. SPLEENWORT.

13 { Fronds simply pinnate, witb entire or toothed segments or pinnas 14
Fronds pinnate, with pinnatifid primary divisions or pinnas, or twice or thrice pinnate* 15

14 { Segments narrow-lanceolate, ratber thick, attached to the stalk by a broad base, and confluent. Sori golden-yellow, without any indusium 4 (1). *Common* POLYPODY.
Segments distinct or stalked, ovate-falcate, prickly-toothed, with a prominent angle or lobe at the base on the inner side. Sori with a small, circular indusium. 7 (1). *Holly* SHIELDFERN.
Segments small, obovate. Stalk black and slender. Indusium attached laterally. 8 (5). *Common* SPLEENWORT.

15 { Lower pair of pinnas much larger than the otbers, giving the frond a broadly triangular or rhomboidal form 16
Lowest pair, or several lower pairs of pinnas, decreasing in size or uot larger than the rest. Frond ovate or lanceolate in outline 17

16 { Fronds once pinnate, with pinnatifid segments . . . . . 4 (2). *Beech* POLYPODY.
Fronds twice pinnate, the pinnas mostly opposite . . . . 4 (4). *Oak* POLYPODY.
Fronds twice piunate, the pinnas mostly alternate . . . . . 14. BLADDERFERN.

17 { Fronds delicate, seldom a foot high, without any brown scarious scales (or very few at the base of the stalk), twice pinnate, with stalked pinnas 18
Frouds stiff, 1 to 3 feet high or more (except in tbe *Beech Polypody*). The stalk more or less shaggy below the leafy part, with brown scarious scales (except in the *Marsh Shieldfern*) 19

18 { Segments with fine pointed teeth . . . . . 8. SPLEENWORT.
Segments oblong or lanceolate, nearly sessile, with obtuse teeth or lobes. 14. BLADDERFERN.
Segments small, obovate, stalked, with obtuse teeth. Delicate annual. 6. GYMNOGRAM.

19 { Fronds pinnate, the pinnas deeply pinnatifid, the lobes entire or obtuse, and slightly toothed 20
Fronds twice pinnate, the segments sharply toothed or pinnatifid 24

20 { Pinnas (all but the lowest pair) attached to the stalk by their broad base. 4 (2). *Beech* POLYPODY.
Pinnas attached hy their midrib only 21

21 { Lobes of the pinnas entire. Sori uear their margins 22
Lobes of the sori slightly toothed. Sori near their base or centre 23

22 { No scarious scales ou tbe stalk. No glands on the leafy part. 7 (3). *Marsh* SHIELDFERN.
Stalk with brown scarious scales at the basc. Minute glands on the under surface of the segments . . . . . 7 (4). *Mountain* SHIELDFERN.

23 { Segments of the pinnas oblong, very numerous, scarcely broader at the base. 7 (5). *Male* SHIELDFERN.
Segments ovate, wedge-shaped at the base . . . . . 7 (6). *Crested* SHIELDFERN.

24 { Segments of the pinnas with finely-pointed, almost prickly teeth; the inner lobe or tooth at the base much larger than the rest . . . . 7 (2). *Prickly* SHIELDFERN.
Segments of the pinnas with shortly pointed teeth or pinnatifid; the lobes of each side similar 25

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* In all twice or tbrice pinnate leaves or fronds the primary divisions on each side of the main stalk are called *pinnas*, the ultimate divisions retaining the name of *segments*.

25 { Sori circular. No indusium . . . . . 4 (3). *Alpine* POLYPODY.
Sori circular, with a kidney-shaped or almost peltate indusium attached by a point 26
Sori rather oblong, with an indusium attached along one side . . 8. SPLEENWORT.

26 { Segments ovate or ovate-lanceolate. Indusia conspicuous and persistent. 7 (6). *Crested* SHIELDFERN.
Segments oblong-lanceolate 27

27 { Indusia conspicuous and persistent . . . . . 7 (8). *Rigid* SHIELDFERN.
Indusia small and often soon disappearing . . . . . 7 (7). *Broad* SHIELDFERN.

I. **ADDER'S-TONGUE.** OPHIOGLOSSUM.

Stem simple, bearing a single leaf in the lower part, and a simple terminal fruiting spike. Spore-cases rather large, closely sessile, in two opposite rows, each opening by a transverse fissure.

A genus of very few species, but widely distributed over most parts of the globe.

1. **Common Adder's-tongue. Ophioglossum vulgatum,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 108.)

Rootstock very small, but apparently perennial. Frond or stem solitary, from a few inches to near a foot high, with an ovate or oblong entire leaf, usually 2 to 3 inches long, narrowed at the base into a shortly sheathing footstalk, and usually attached below the middle of the stem. Spike terminal, ¾ to about an inch long, bearing on each side from about 15 to 25 closely sessile spore-cases.

In moist meadows, and pastures, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, in North America, and apparently also in the southern hemisphere as well as within the tropics. Generally distributed over Britain, but more common in some parts of England than in the north of Scotland. *Fr. summer.* The *dwarf A.* (*O. lusitanicum*, Linn.) is now believed to be a mere variety, only differing from the common form in its small size, the slender stems varying from 1 to 3 inches, the leaf linear or lanceolate, narrowed into a stalk, and seldom above 1½ inches long. It is usually to be found only in early spring, and in Europe chiefly near the sea, in the Mediterranean region, and up the west coast of Europe to the Channel Islands, but not on the main British Isles.

II. **MOONWORT.** BOTRYCHIUM.

Stem of *Adder's-tongue*, but the leaf is divided, the terminal spike is branched, forming a panicle, and the spore-cases are globular, and, although sessile, quite distinct.

A small genus, distributed over the temperate regions of the northern hemisphere, and more sparingly in the southern one.

1. **Common Moonwort. Botrychium Lunaria,** Sw.

(*Osmunda*, Eng. Bot. t. 318.)

Rootstock very small, bearing a single erect stem, 3 to 6 or 8 inches high, surrounded at the base by a few brown sheathing scales. The leaf about the centre of the stem, 1 to 3 inches long, pinnate, with from 5 to 15 or even more obliquely fan-shaped or halfmoon-shaped segments, of a thick consistence, and entire or crenate. Panicle 1 to near 2 inches long, of a narrow pyramidal shape, the branches all turned towards one side.

In dry, hilly, or mountain pastures, in northern and Arctic Europe, Asia, and America, in the mountains of central and southern Europe, the Caucasus, and Altai, and reappearing in the Antarctic regions. Widely diffused over Britain, but not generally common. *Fr. summer.*

III. **OSMUND.** OSMUNDA.

Fronds once or twice pinnate, the leafy part barren; the fructification consisting of clustered spore-cases, either in a panicle at the end of the frond, or, in exotic species, in some other part of the frond, but always distinct from the leaf-like part; each spore-case opening by a vertical fissure.

A genus of few species, natives chiefly of the temperate regions of both hemispheres, especially the northern one.

1. **Royal Osmund. Osmunda regalis,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 209.)

The perennial stock often forms a trunk rising perceptibly from the ground, and sometimes to the height of a foot or more. Fronds growing in tufts, erect, from a foot or two in dry, poor soils, to 8 or 10 feet when very luxuriant, twice pinnate, with lanceolate or oblong segments, 1 to 2 inches long, rather stiff, prominently veined, either entire or obscurely crenate. Fructification forming a more or less compound panicle at the top of the frond, usually bipinnate, each spike-like branch representing a segment of the frond.

In moist or boggy places, in western, central, and some parts of southern and south-eastern Europe, extending northwards to southern Scandinavia; also in central Asia, North and South America, and southern Africa. In Britain, chiefly in the western counties of England and Scotland, in Wales, and Ireland, apparently very local in other parts of England, and entirely absent from several counties. *Fr. end of summer, or autumn.*

IV. **POLYPODY.** POLYPODIUM.

Fronds (in the British species) either pinnate or ternately divided, with the branches pinnate. Spore-cases minute, collected in circular clusters or sori on the under side of the segments, without any indusium or involucre; each spore-case (as in all the following genera) encircled by an elastic jointed ring, and bursting irregularly on one side, having then, under a microscope, the appearance of a little helmet.

A large genus, widely distributed over the globe, only differing from *Aspidium* in the absence of any indusium or membrane covering the sori even when young. For the Table of Species, see the Generic Table above, p. 623, n. 13.

1. **Common Polypody. Polypodium vulgare,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1149.)

Rootstock thick, woody, and creeping. Fronds about 6 inches to a foot high, of a firm consistence, without any scales on their stalk, broadly oblong-lanceolate or somewhat ovate in their general outline, simply pinnate or

deeply pinnatifid; the linear-oblong segments adhering to the main stalk and usually connected with each other by their broad bases. Sori rather large, of a golden yellow, in two rows along the under side of the upper segment. When bearing fruit these segments are usually entire or nearly so, and obtuse; when barren they are often slightly toothed; and monstrous states not unfrequently occur with the segments variously lobed or branched.

In sheltered places, on trunks of old trees, walls, moist rocks, and shady banks, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions, and in North America. Common in Britain. *Fr. summer and autumn.*

2. **Beech Polypody. Polypodium Phegopteris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2224, and *P. Thelypteris*, t. 1018.)

Rootstock creeping. Fronds rather slender, 6 inches to a foot high or rather more, including their long stalks, broadly ovate-lanceolate and acuminate in their general outline, once pinnate; the segments deeply pinnatifid, narrow-lanceolate, gradually diminishing from the base to the end of the frond, and all, except sometimes the lowest pair, adhering to the main stem by their broad base. The midrib, principal veins, and margins of the frond more or less hairy on the under side, by which this species may be readily distinguished from the smaller specimens of the *marsh Shieldfern*, which it sometimes resembles. Sori rather small, near the margins of the lobes.

In moist situations, in hilly districts, in Europe and Russian Asia, from the Pyrenees and Alps to the Arctic regions, and in North America. In Britain, chiefly in western and northern England, Scotland, and Ireland. *Fr. summer and autumn.*

3. **Alpine Polypody. Polypodium alpestre,** Hoppe.

(*Pseudathyrium alpestre* and *P. flexile*, Bab. Man.)

Stock short, often forming several crowns. Fronds tufted, 1 to 3 feet high, twice pinnate; the segments numerous, oblong or lanceolate, deeply pinnatifid, and sharply toothed, the larger ones usually about half an inch long. Sori circular, without any indusium whatever: this character alone distinguishes this plant from the smaller states of the *lady Spleenwort* and from some forms of the *broad Shieldfern*, which it closely resembles in all other respects.

In the mountains of Europe and western Asia, from the Alps and the Caucasus to the Arctic regions. In Britain, only in the Highlands of Scotland. *Fr. summer.*

4. **Oak Polypody. Polypodium Dryopteris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 616. *Oak Fern.*)

Rootstock creeping, rather slender. Fronds slender but erect, on long stalks, broadly triangular or rhomboidal in their general outline, the leafy part 4 to 6 inches long and at least as broad, twice pinnate, or rather, in the first instance, ternate; the lower pair of branches or pinnas on slender stalks, each often as large and as much divided as the rest of the frond; the others much smaller and less divided, the terminal ones reduced to small lobes. Segments thin, light green, obtuse, slightly crenate, quite glabrous. Sori near the margins of the segments.

In rather dry woods, in Europe and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions, and in North America. Not uncommon in western, central, and northern England and Scotland, and occurs also in Ireland. *Fr. summer and autumn.* The *limestone Polypody* (*P. calcareum*, Eng. Bot. t. 1525, *P. Robertianum*, Bab. Man.) appears to be a mere variety of the *Oak P.*, of rather stouter growth, usually with rather less difference in size between the lower pair of pinnules and the succeeding ones, and has a minute, scaly, or glandular meal on the frond-stalk and principal veins. It occurs here and there, in more open rocky situations than the common form, and especially in limestone districts.

V. **ALLOSORUS.** ALLOSORUS.

Delicate Ferns, with tufted, much divided fronds; the central ones erect and fruiting; the outer ones barren, with broader segments. Sori circular, but so close as to form compact lines along the margins, covered over when young by the thin edge of the frond itself.

A small genus, confined to the mountainous or northern districts of the northern hemisphere.

1. **Curled Allosorus. Allosorus crispus,** Bernh.

(*Pteris*, Eng. Bot. t. 1160, *Cryptogramma*, Brit. Fl. *Rock Brakes, Parsley Fern.*)

Stock densely tufted with brown scarious scales. Fronds 2 or 3 times pinnate, ovate or oblong in their general outline, on slender stalks almost without scarious scales; the outer barren ones about 5 or 6 inches high, somewhat resembling parsley-leaves, with numerous small, obovate or wedge-shaped and deeply toothed segments. Fruiting fronds $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 foot high, with equally numerous oblong or linear segments, the thin membranous edges turned down over the sori.

In the mountains of Europe, from the Pyrenees and Apennines to the Arctic regions, usually local, but often very abundant in particular spots. In Britain, chiefly in Scotland and northern England, but occurs also in central and western England and in Ireland. *Fr. summer.*

VI. **GYMNOGRAM.** GYMNOGRAMMA.

Fronds much divided. Sori linear or oblong, simple or forked; not marginal, and without any indusium.

A considerable genus, chiefly tropical, including many of those elegant Ferns often seen in our hothouses, with a golden or silvery dust on the under side of the fronds.

1. **Small Gymnogram. Gymnogramma leptophylla,** Desv.

A delicate little Fern, resembling at first sight very small specimens of the *curled Allosorus*. Fronds in little tufts, although the whole plant is usually annual; the outer fronds short, with few broadly obovate or fan-shaped segments, often barren; the others erect, 2 to 6 inches high, with slender black stalks, twice pinnate, with numerous small, thin, obovate, deeply-toothed or lobed segments. Sori oblong, at length nearly covering the under surface of the segments.

On moist shady banks, in the Mediterranean region and western Europe, extending eastward into central India, and northward up western France to the Channel Islands, the only station within our Flora. It reappears in the southern hemisphere. *Fr. spring and summer.*

VII. **SHIELDFERN.** ASPIDIUM.

Fronds (in the British species) once, twice, or thrice pinnate, with a stiff erect stalk, usually bearing, at least at the base, numerous brown scarious scales. Sori circular as in *Polypody*, but covered when young by a membrane or *indusium*, attached by the centre or by a point near one side, so that, when raised all round by the growth of the spore-cases, it becomes either peltate or kidney-shaped.

A very large genus, ranging over every part of the globe, only distinguished from *Polypody* by the indusium. In modern British Fern-books it is usually divided into two, *Lastrea* and *Polystichum*, according to whether the attachment of the indusium is central or towards the margin, a minute character, unconnected with habit, often difficult to appreciate, and sometimes inconstant. The Table of Species will be found under the Generic Table above, p. 623, n. 13.

1. **Holly Shieldfern. Aspidium Lonchitis,** Sw.

(*Polypodium*, Eng. Bot. t. 797, *Polystichum*, Bab. Man. *Holly Fern.*)

Stock short and thick. Fronds tufted, usually 6 inches to a foot high or rather more, stiff, linear-lanceolate in their general outline, simply pinnate, leafy from the base, the common stalk very scaly below. Segments mostly broadly lanceolate or almost ovate, curved, prickly-toothed, enlarged at the base on the inner or upper side into a toothed angle or lobe, all nearly sessile, but attached by the midrib only, stiff, glabrous above, with a few scaly hairs underneath; the central ones about an inch long; the lower ones smaller and broader, often ovate. Sori circular, rather large, with a peltate indusium in the centre, which is however not very conspicuous.

In the clefts of rocks, in all the great mountain regions of Europe and central and Russian Asia, from Spain and Italy to the Arctic regions, and in North America. In Britain, only in the mountains of Scotland, northern England, North Wales, and Ireland. *Fr. summer and autumn.*

2. **Prickly Shieldfern. Aspidium aculeatum,** Sw.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1562, and *A. lobatum*, t. 1563. *Polystichum*, Bab. Man.)

Fronds tufted, arising from a short thick stock, 1 to 2 feet or rather more high, stiff, twice pinnate, broadly lanceolate in outline, with the lower pinnas decreasing in length; the stalk below the leafy part 1 to 6 inches long, very shaggy with brown, scarious scales. Primary branches or pinnas shaped like the whole frond of the *Holly S.* in miniature, being pinnate, with their segments shortly ovate-lanceolate, curved and prickly-toothed, with a prominent angle or lobe on the inner or outer side; the lower ones, or sometimes nearly all, attached by their midrib; the upper ones decurrent on the stalk or united at the base. Sori rather small, with a central but not very conspicuous indusium.

On hedge-banks and in shady places, in temperate and southern Europe, from the Mediterranean to Scandinavia, extending eastward into central

Asia; in North and South America, and generally in the southern hemisphere. Frequent in Britain. *Fr. summer and autumn.* The *angular S.* (*A. angulare*, Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2776) is a rather larger, more luxuriant, and less stiff variety, usually more divided, with more distinct segments, the lower ones evidently stalked.

3. Marsh Shieldfern. **Aspidium Thelypteris,** Sw.

(*Lastrea,* Bab. Man. *Marsh Fern.*)

Rootstock creeping, with single, not tufted, erect fronds, as in the *Beech Polypody*, to which this Fern bears considerable resemblance. It is taller, usually 1 to 2 feet high, quite glabrous, with a rather slender but stiff stalk, without scarious scales. The leafy part lanceolate, pinnate, with deeply pinnatifid pinnas, which are not crowded, and the lowest rather distant and smaller; all attached to the central stalk by their midrib or by a very short stalk; the lobes or segments entire, obtuse or scarcely pointed. Sori in lines near the edges, distinct at first, with an indusium attached near the edge, but soon covering nearly the whole under surface and concealing the indusium.

In boggy or marshy places, throughout Europe and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, and in North America, and perhaps also in the southern hemisphere. In Britain, usually very local, but dispersed over England, Ireland, and southern Scotland. *Fr. summer and autumn.*

4. Mountain Shieldfern. **Aspidium Oreopteris,** Sw.

(*Polypodium*, Eng. Bot. t. 1019. *Lastrea,* Bab. Man. *Sweet Mountain Fern.*)

The stature, mode of growth in circular tufts, and the general shape of the frond are those of the *male S.*, from which it may be distinguished by a lighter colour, especially of the stalk, and by the lobes or segments of the pinnas all quite entire, with the small sori in a line near the margin as in the *marsh S.* From the latter it differs in its larger size, the stalk bearing brown scarious scales, the pinnas so closely sessile as almost to lap over the central stalk; and from both this species may be known by the minute resinous or glandular dots on the under side of the fronds, from whence a fragrant smell is imparted to the plant when rubbed.

In mountain heathy districts, and moist open woods, in temperate Europe, from northern Spain and Italy to Scandinavia, and eastward to Moscow. Generally dispersed over Britain, but more especially in Scotland, northern and western England, and in Ireland. *Fr. summer and autumn.*

5. Male Shieldfern. **Aspidium Filix-mas,** Sw.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1458. *Lastrea*, Bab. Man. *Male Fern.*)

Rootstock short but thick, woody, and decumbent or rising sometimes obliquely a few inches from the ground. Fronds handsome, in a large circular tuft, 2 or 3 feet high, stiff and erect, broadly lanceolate, with the lower pinnas decreasing, as in most *Shieldferns*, regularly pinnate; the pinnas deeply pinnatifid or pinnate; the segments regularly oblong, slightly curved, very obtuse, slightly toothed, connected at the base or the lowest ones distinct; the main stalk very shaggy with brown scarious scales. Sori rather large, near the base of the segments, with a conspicuous, nearly peltate or kidney-shaped indusium.

In woods and shady situations, along moist banks, etc., throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic

regions, and apparently in South America, but scarcely in North America. One of the commonest of British Ferns. *Fr. summer and autumn.* The barren fronds of young plants often resemble those of the *broad S.*, but the fruiting ones are almost always very distinct.

6. Crested Shieldfern. Aspidium cristatum, Sw.

(Eng. Bot. t. 2125. *Lastrea*, Bab. Man.)

Resembles in some respects the *male S.*, but the frond is less erect, the pinnas less regular, the segments broader, thinner, more wedge-shaped on the lower side, much more toothed, and the lower ones sometimes almost pinnatifid, the plant then forming some approach to the *broad S.*, from which it differs in the general shape of the frond much narrower, the segments much broader and much less divided. Sori large, with conspicuous indusiums as in the *male S.*

In moist or boggy places, in temperate Europe and western Asia, from the Pyrenees and northern Italy to Scandinavia, and in North America, but not generally common. In Britain, very local, but has been found in Norfolk and Suffolk, Nottinghamshire and Cheshire, in North Wales, and in Ireland. *Fr. summer and autumn.* Some specimens appear almost to connect it with the *male S.*, whilst others are difficult to distinguish from the *broad S.*

7. Broad Shieldfern. Aspidium spinulosum, Sw.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1460. *A. dilatatum*, t. 1461. *Lastrea spinulosa*, *L. dilatata*, and *L. Fœnisecii*, Bab. Man.)

The most variable of all our *Shieldferns*, allied to the *male S.*, but generally not so tall, of a paler green, and very much broader; the general outline nearly ovate, 1 to 2 feet long or rarely more, the lowest pair of pinnas not much shorter, or even longer than the others. The frond is also more divided, either twice pinnate, with the segments of the pinnas oblong-lanceolate and deeply toothed, or pinnatifid, or thrice pinnate: it then closely resembles the *lady Spleenwort* and the *alpine Polypody*, but may be generally distinguished by the lower pinnas not decreasing so much in size, and more accurately by the sori, which are circular, with a kidney-shaped indusium as in the *male S.*, although much smaller, and when mature the indusium often disappears.

In sheltered, shady places, on moist banks, in open, moist woods, etc., common in Europe and Russian Asia, from northern Spain and Italy to the Arctic regions. Abundant in Britain. *Fr. summer and autumn.* More than twenty varieties of this species have received distinct names, and three at least have been considered as species, but have no tangible characters to separate them.

8. Rigid Shieldfern. Aspidium rigidum, Sw.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2724. *Lastrea*, Bab. Man.)

Very near the *broad S.*, of which it has the deeply toothed or pinnatifid, oblong-lanceolate segments, but the frond is stiffer and not so broad, and the sori are much larger, the two rows often occupying nearly the whole breadth of the segments, their indusiums conspicuous and persistent as in the *male S.* and the *crested S.*

In rocky situations, especially in limestone districts, in temperate Europe, from the Pyrenees to Norway, extending eastward into central Asia, and in North America. In Britain, chiefly in the limestone districts of northern

England, but said to occur also in western England and Ireland. *Fr. summer and autumn.* Some botanists are of opinion that this and the two preceding species are but varieties of the *male S.*, into which they certainly appear (when seen growing in profusion) to pass, through numerous intermediate forms.

VIII. **SPLEENWORT.** ASPLENIUM.

Fronds (in the British species) once, twice, or thrice pinnate or forked, usually rather stiff, though slender, and often small. Sori oblong or linear, on the under surface, usually diverging from near the centre of the segments, covered when young by a membrane or indusium, which opens outwards, being attached lengthwise along the outer side.

Widely dispersed over the globe, and one of the most natural among the large genera of *Ferns*, for although a few of the larger species are scarcely to be distinguished from some species of *Aspidium* and *Polypody*, except by the sori, the great majority have a peculiar, dark green, smooth appearance, which makes them easy to recognize.

Fronds twice or thrice pinnate, with numerous primary pinnas, the lowest or several lower pairs decreasing in size.
- Frond 2 or 3 feet high, the longer pinnas 3 to 6 inches or more . . 1. *Lady S.*
- Frond not a foot high, the longer pinnas seldom 1½ inches.
  - Broadest part of the frond above the middle. Ultimate segments 1 to 1½ lines long . . . . . 2. *Rock S.*
  - Broadest part below the middle. Ultimate segments broad, 2 to 3 lines long . . . . . 3. *Lanceolate S.*

Fronds once pinnate, with numerous segments, the lower pairs decreasing in size.
- Segments thick, ovate or lanceolate, ½ to 1 inch long or more . . 4. *Sea S.*
- Segments thin, ovate or orbicular, under 5 lines long . . . . . 5. *Maidenhair S.*

Fronds more or less divided, the lowest pinnas larger, on longer stalks, or more divided than the others.
- Frond 6 inches to a foot, shining green, with numerous lanceolate pinnas and sessile segments . . . . . 6. *Black S.*
- Frond 3 or 4 inches, with few small, stalked segments.
  - Segments obovate . . . . . 7. *Wallrue S.*
  - Segments narrow-oblong . . . . . 8. *Alternate S.*
  - Segments linear . . . . . 9. *Forked S.*

1. Lady Spleenwort. **Asplenium Filix-fœmina,** Bernh.

(*Aspidium*, Eng. Bot. t. 1459, *not good.* *Athyrium*, Bab. Man. *Lady Fern.*)

A most elegant Fern, with the short, woody rootstock and circular tuft of fronds of the *male Shieldfern*, but more divided, the stalk less scaly, and the sori different. Fronds usually 2 to 3 feet high, broadly lanceolate, twice pinnate, the lower pairs of pinnas decreasing in size, the segments oblong-lanceolate and pinnatifid, with pointed teeth. Sori shortly oblong, diverging from the centre of the segments, with the indusium attached along one side as in other *Spleenworts*, but shorter, and the lower ones of each segment often slightly kidney-shaped, showing some approach to those of the *Shieldferns*.

In moist, sheltered woods, hedge-banks, and ravines, throughout Europe and central and northern Asia, from the Mediterranean to the Arctic regions, and in northern and central America. Abundant in Britain. *Fr. summer and autumn.* It varies much in size, and in the degree of division of its fronds, and between 30 and 40 forms have received names as varieties.

2. **Rock Spleenwort. Asplenium fontanum,** Bernh.
(*Aspidium*, Eng. Bot. t. 2024.)

Fronds densely tufted, 3 to 5 inches high or near twice as much when very luxuriant, smooth and shining, oblong-lanceolate in their general outline, but the broadest part above the middle, twice pinnate; the longest primary pinnas seldom above half an inch long, their segments 1 to 1½ lines, obovate, and deeply notched with 2 or 3 pointed teeth. Sori generally 2 or 3 only on each segment, shortly oblong, like those of the *lady S.*

On rocks and walls, in mountain districts, in central and southern Europe, extending probably into western Asia, but scarcely northward of the Jura, except as an introduced plant. In Britain, it has been found occasionally on walls in various parts of England, but probably not truly indigenous. *Fr. summer and autumn.*

3. **Lanceolate Spleenwort. Asplenium lanceolatum,** Huds.
(Eng. Bot. t. 240.)

A low, tufted Fern, with twice-pinnate fronds, lanceolate in their general outline like the last, but with much larger segments. Fronds usually 3 to 6 inches high, rarely attaining a foot when luxuriant, the longest pinnas, rather below the middle of the frond, 1 to 1½ inches long; the segments obovate or broady oblong, narrowed at the base, but almost sessile, notched with a few pointed teeth. Sori 2 to 4 on each segment, oblong and distinct when young, but when old united in an irregular mass, covering the upper part of the segment.

On rocks and walls, in western Europe, chiefly near the sea, extending southward to Madeira, and northward to the English Channel. In Britain, not uncommon in the south-western and Welsh counties, and occurs also near Cork, in Ireland, and near Tunbridge Wells, in Kent. *Fr. summer and autumn.*

4. **Sea Spleenwort. Asplenium marinum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 392.)

Fronds tufted, usually 6 inches to near a foot high, narrow-lanceolate in general outline, but coarser than in the *lanceolate S.*; the stems usually black, and only once pinnate. Segments obliquely lanceolate or nearly ovate, rather thick, obtuse, crenate, especially on the upper edge, narrowed at the base into a short stalk, the longer ones, in the middle of the frond, about an inch long. Sori several on each segment, linear, often above 2 lines long.

On rocks and walls, near the sea, in western Europe, extending southward to the Canary Islands, eastward to several spots along the Mediterranean, and northward to Britain, where it is abundant on several parts of the coast, even as far as the Orkneys. *Fr. the whole season.*

5. **Common Spleenwort. Asplenium Trichomanes,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 576. *Maidenhair*, but not the true one. See *Adiant.*)

A neat little tufted Fern, usually 2 to 6 inches high, simply pinnate; the slender stalk usually black; with numerous obovate, orbicular or broadly oblong segments, nearly equal in size, those of the middle of the frond rather the largest, 2 to 3 or rarely 4 lines long, more or less toothed. Sori several on each frond, oblong-linear and distinct when young, but often uniting in a circular mass when old.

On walls and rocks, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, in North and South America, and in Australia. Common in Britain. *Fr. the whole season.* The *green S.* (*A. viride*, Eng. Bot. t. 2257) appears to be a mere variety, growing usually in mountain districts, differing only in the stalk, which is either entirely green, or dark brown at the base only. It occurs not unfrequently in most mountainous districts of Britain.

6. **Black Spleenwort. Asplenium Adiantum-nigrum,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1950. *A. acutum*, Bab. Man.)

Fronds tufted, usually 6 inches to a foot high, including the rather long, dark-brown or black stalk, the leafy part triangular or broadly lanceolate, of a dark shining green, and firm consistence, twice pinnate, or the lower part three times; the pinnas gradually decreasing, and less divided from the lowest pair to the point; the segments varying from lanceolate to ovate or even obovate, sharply toothed or cut. Sori narrow-oblong or linear, sometimes, when old, covering nearly the whole surface.

On sandy hedge-banks, rocks, and old walls, in central and southern Europe and western and central Asia, extending northward to southern Scandinavia. Occurs also in some parts of the southern hemisphere. Common in Britain. *Fr. all summer and autumn.*

7. **Wallrue Spleenwort. Asplenium Ruta-muraria,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 150. *Wall-Rue.*)

Fronds densely tufted, usually 2 to 3 inches long, rather dark-green but not shining; the stalk more or less pinnately divided; the lower pinnas usually bearing 3 segments, the upper ones simple; the segments all stalked, obovate or broadly oblong, seldom above 2 lines long, and usually minutely toothed. Sori shortly linear, becoming united into broad patches when old.

On old walls, and rocks, throughout Europe and central and Russian Asia, except the extreme north, and in North America. Common in Britain, except in the Scotch Highlands, and some of the eastern districts. *Fr. the whole season.*

8. **Alternate Spleenwort. Asplenium germanicum,** Weiss.
(*A. alternifolium*, Eng. Bot. t. 2258.)

Very near the *Wallrue S.*, and perhaps a mere variety; but the segments are much narrower, usually narrow wedge-shaped or oblong, on short stalks; the whole frond narrow, usually simply pinnate, with the lower segments 3-lobed, or very rarely bearing 3 distinct segments; the segments entire or toothed at the summit. Sori few, long and narrow.

On rocks and old walls, dispersed over the greater part of Europe, from Spain to Scandinavia. Has been found in isolated localities in western and northern England, and southern Scotland. *Fr. summer and autumn.*

9. **Forked Spleenwort. Asplenium septentrionale,** Hoffm.
(Eng. Bot. t. 1017.)

This again is allied to the *Wallrue S.*, and has similar tufted fronds, 2 to 5 or 6 inches high; but the whole frond usually consists of a stalk, forked towards the top, each branch bearing a single, linear, entire or 2-lobed segment, about half an inch long, the linear sori occupying the whole under

surface except the narrow pointed extremity. Some fronds have but a single entire or 3-lobed terminal segment, and a few have 3 distinct segments.

On rocks and old walls, in the mountainous districts of the greater part of Europe and central and Russian Asia, from Spain to Scandinavia, and in the mountains of North America. In Britain, in several of the western and northern counties of England and in southern Scotland, but not in Ireland. *Fr. summer and autumn.*

IX. **HART'S-TONGUE.** SCOLOPENDRIUM.

Fronds entire or lobed, with linear diverging sori as in *Spleenwort*, but the indusium is attached along both sides, opening in two valves by a longitudinal fissure along the centre.

The few species associated with our British one are from the tropics or the Mediterranean region.

1. **Common Hart's-tongue. Scolopendrium vulgare,** Sm.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1150.)

Fronds tufted, undivided (except in monstrous forms), broadly linear or narrow-oblong, cordate at the base, with rounded auricles, usually about a foot long and 1½ to 2 inches in the broadest part, of a firm consistence, smooth and shining on the upper surface, with a brown or greenish footstalk of about 2 to 4 or 5 inches. Sori numerous and parallel, in 2 rows, one on each side of the midrib, usually of very different lengths, but never reaching either to the midrib or to the edge of the frond.

On shady banks, rocks and walls, in ravines, etc., in temperate and southern Europe and west-central Asia, extending from the Mediterranean to the Baltic. Common in Britain. *Fr. the whole season.* It varies much in size, sometimes not 6 inches and occasionally attaining near 2 feet, and in the fantastic forms assumed by the barren fronds when monstrous, especially under cultivation. No less than 58 of these forms are enumerated under Latin names in Moore's Handbook.

X. **CETERACH.** CETERACH.

Fronds pinnatifid or pinnate. Sori linear and diverging as in *Spleenwort*, but without any distinct indusium, and usually almost concealed under the scales of the under surface of the frond.

The genus is now limited to the European species and a second larger one from the Canary Islands.

1. **Scaly Ceterach. Ceterach officinarum,** Willd.

(*Scolopendrium Ceterach*, Eng. Bot. t. 1244.)

Fronds tufted, spreading, about 2 to 6 inches long, deeply pinnatifid or pinnate, with broadly oblong or rounded lobes or segments attached by their broad base, green and glabrous on the upper side, but the under side thickly covered with brown scarious scales, which completely conceal the sori until they become very old.

On rocks and old walls, in central and southern Europe and west central

Asia, extending northward to Holland. In Britain, common in many parts of England and Ireland, but rare in Scotland. *Fr. summer and autumn.*

XI. **BLECHNUM.** BLECHNUM.

Sori linear, one on each side of the midrib of each segment and parallel to it. Indusium attached along the outer edge of the sorus, opening outwards from the inner side.

A small genus, spread over many parts of the world, but chiefly tropical.

1. **Hard Blechnum. Blechnum Spicant,** Roth.

(*B. boreale*, Eng. Bot. t. 1159.)

Fronds simply pinnate, tufted, of two kinds, the outer barren ones spreading, usually 6 inches to near a foot long; the segments lanceolate, curved, entire, attached by their broad base; those in the centre of the frond 1 to 1½ inches long, gradually decreasing towards each end. Fruiting fronds in the centre of the tuft erect, 1 to 1½ feet high; the segments of the same length as in the barren ones, but all narrow-linear; the under side entirely occupied by the 2 linear sori.

In woods, and rather moist stony places and heaths, generally distributed over Europe, extending from the Mediterranean far into Scandinavia, and occurs in several parts of Asia and Africa without the tropics. Common in Britain. *Fr. summer, rather late, and autumn.*

XII. **PTERIS.** PTERIS.

Fronds usually stiff, often large, lobed or pinnately divided. Veins of the segments branching from a midrib. Sori linear, close along the margin of the frond, with an indusium attached along its outer edge to the margin of the frond, and opening on the inner side.

A large genus, widely distributed over the globe, and if not very natural, at any rate easily recognized.

1. **Brake Pteris. Pteris aquilina,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1679. *Brakes* or *Bracken.*)

A tall, erect, stiff Fern, with a thick, hard, creeping rootstock. Fronds 1 to 2 feet high in poor soils, 8 to 10 feet high when luxuriant, twice or thrice pinnate; the primary pinnas in pairs at some distance from each other; the lowest pair much larger, the others decreasing in size and successively developed, giving the whole frond, especially when young or small, a broadly triangular outline. Secondary pinnas numerous, linear-lanceolate, deeply pinnatifid or pinnate, always ending in an undivided, crenate, blunt point. Segments ovate or oblong, obtuse and entire, attached by their broad base, of a firm consistence, glabrous above, often hairy underneath. Sori in continuous lines along the margins of the upper segments and summits of the secondary pinnas.

In woods and thickets, on heaths and waste places, dry or moist, but not swampy, in almost every part of the globe except the extreme north and south. Very abundant in Britain. *Fr. autumn.*

XIII. **ADIANT.** ADIANTUM.

Fronds usually delicate and divided, the segments more or less wedge-shaped, with diverging forked veins, usually without a midrib. Sori oblong or linear, transverse, at the ends of the lobes on the under side, with an indusium formed from the edge of the frond and opening outwards.

A considerable and well-marked genus, chiefly tropical.

1. **Maidenhair Adiant. Adiantum Capillus-Veneris,** Linn.

(Eng. Bot. t. 1564. *Maidenhair.*)

A very delicate tufted Fern. Fronds 6 inches to near a foot long, twice or thrice pinnate, usually broadly ovate in general outline, their slender stalk of a shining brownish-black. Segments obovate or fan-shaped, 4 to 8 lines broad, all narrowed at the base into a short, slender stalk, more or less divided into wedge-shaped, obtuse lobes, thin, and of a bright green, without any midrib, but numerous forked veins converging at the base. Sori conspicuous, occupying the extremities of most of the lobes of the segments.

In the fissures of moist rocks, at the entrance of caves and wells, and other situations sheltered from cold, as well as from sun and drought, in most of the tropical and warmer parts of the globe; common in southern Europe, extending northward over the greater part of France, but scarcely into Germany. In Britain, only in the south-western counties of England, in South Wales and Ireland. *Fr. all summer.*

XIV. **BLADDERFERN.** CYSTOPTERIS.

Delicate Ferns, with twice or thrice pinnate fronds. Sori small, circular on the under surface, enclosed, when young, in a very thin, globular or hood-shaped membrane, which opens out irregularly into a cup under one side, and often disappears early.

A small genus limited to the colder or mountainous regions of both hemispheres.

Fronds oblong-lanceolate, the lowest pinnas decreasing in size . . . 1. *Brittle B.*
Fronds broadly triangular or rhomboidal, the lowest pair of pinnas the largest . . . . . 2. *Mountain B.*

1. **Brittle Bladderfern. Cystopteris fragilis,** Bernh.

(*Cyathea fragilis* and *dentata*, Eng. Bot. t. 1587 and 1588.)

Rootstock shortly creeping. Fronds tufted, usually under a foot long, oblong-lanceolate in their general outline, twice pinnate; the longest primary pinnas towards the middle of the frond, 1 to 1½ inches long, decreasing towards both ends. Stalks slender, without scales. Segments lanceolate, deeply pinnatifid, or the lower ones pinnate, with small, oblong, more or less crenate lobes, all obtuse, not pointed, as in the *rock Spleenwort*, to the larger specimens of which this plant bears some resemblance.

On rocks and old walls, spread over the greater part of the globe, especially in mountainous districts, extending far into the Arctic regions. Dispersed over all Britain, and common in the hilly districts. *Fr. summer and autumn.* A closely allied species (if really distinct), from the Alps and Pyrenees, the *C. alpina* (*Cyathea incisa*, Eng. Bot. t. 163), is usually included

in our Floras as having formerly existed on an old wall, at Low Layton, in Essex.

2. **Mountain Bladderfern. Cystopteris montana,** Bernh.

Rootstock creeping. Fronds growing singly, twice or thrice pinnate, broadly triangular or rhomboidal in general outline, the pinnas of the lowest pair being considerably larger and more divided than the others, as in the *Oak Polypody*, which this plant much resembles. It is however of a more delicate texture, only 6 or 8 inches or rarely a foot high, including the long slender stalk; the pinnas are mostly alternate, with more divided, smaller segments, and the slender indusium over the sori is easily seen under a magnifying-glass when young.

In moist, alpine situations, in northern and Arctic Europe, and in the great mountain-ranges of central and southern Europe, in the mountains of north-western America and Kamtchatka. In Britain, only in a few localities in the Highlands of Scotland. *Fr. summer.*

XV. **WOODSIA.** WOODSIA.

Small, tufted, pinnately-divided Ferns, with brown scarious scales or hairs on the under surface. Sori circular, surrounded by or intermixed with a fringe of chaffy hairs, proceeding from the minute indusium concealed under the sorus.

A small genus, still more strictly confined than the last to high northern or southern latitudes, or to great elevations.

1. **Alpine Woodsia. Woodsia ilvensis,** Br.

(Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2616, and *Polypodium hyperboreum*, t. 2023.)

Stock densely tufted. Fronds spreading, 2 to 4 or rarely 6 inches long, twice pinnate, oblong-lanceolate in outline; the longer primary pinnas in the middle of the frond 6 to 9 lines long, the lower ones decreasing; all pinnate or pinnatifid, with small obtuse segments, rather thick, green and glabrous, or hairy above, more or less covered underneath with brown scarious scales or chaffy hairs.

On alpine rocks, in northern and Arctic Europe, Asia, and America, and in the great mountain-chains of central and southern Europe, and central Asia. Rare in Britain, and only in the mountains of Scotland, northern England, and North Wales. *Fr. summer.*

XVI. **TRICHOMANES.** TRICHOMANES.

Delicate, half-pellucid Ferns, usually of a dark green. Fructification consisting of little cup-shaped involucres, sessile upon or partly immersed in the edge itself of the frond. In the centre of the involucre is a little bristle, often projecting beyond it, round the base of which are attached the minute capsules or spore-cases.

A large genus, widely spread over the warmer regions of the globe, but more especially in tropical America.

1. **European Trichomanes. Trichomanes radicans,** Sw.
(*Hymenophyllum elatum*, Eng. Bot. t. 1417. *Bristle Fern.*)

Rootstock creeping, often to a considerable extent. Fronds usually 6 to 8 inches high, including the rather long stalk; broadly ovate-lanceolate in general outline, twice or thrice pinnate, of a dark green, with rather stout stalks and branches. Segments numerous and crowded, thin, pellucid, oblong, more or less toothed, narrowed at the base. Involucres in the axils of the small ultimate segments or lobes, cylindrical, about a line long, the central bristle projecting ½ to 1 line more.

In moist, sheltered, shady places, widely distributed over the tropical and hotter regions of both hemispheres, but confined in Europe to a few localities in western Spain and Ireland. *Fr. summer.*

XVII. **HYMENOPHYLL.** HYMENOPHYLLUM.

Half-pellucid Ferns, closely resembling *Trichomanes*, but usually smaller; the involucres deeply divided into 2 lobes, and the bristle or receptacle usually concealed within them.

A large genus, with nearly the same range as *Trichomanes.*

1. **Tunbridge Hymenophyll. Hymenophyllum tunbridgense,** Linn.
(Eng. Bot. t. 162. *Filmy-Fern.*)

Rootstock very slender, creeping, and much branched with numerous fronds, forming broad, dense, almost moss-like patches. Fronds pinnate, seldom above 2 or 3 inches long, lanceolate in general outline; the stem very slender; the segments deeply divided into 3 to 8 or more oblong-linear lobes, which appear minutely toothed when seen through a lens. Involucres at the base of the segments or their lobes, on their inner edge, ovate, about a line long, deeply divided into 2 flattish lobes, often minutely toothed round the edge.

In moist, rocky, or shady situations, dispersed over most of the warmer mountain districts of the old world, especially in the southern hemisphere; more rare in America, extending from the Canary Islands and north-western Africa along western Europe to Belgium and Norway, but not recorded from eastern Europe or any part of the Russian dominions, nor from North America. Generally distributed over the greater part of Britain, but more frequent in Scotland, northern and western England, and Ireland, than in eastern England. *Fr. summer and autumn.* A variety with the valves of the involucre entire, not toothed, is usually distinguished as a species, under the name of *H. unilaterale* or *H. Wilsoni* (Eng. Bot. Suppl. t. 2686), but the other characters, said to accompany this one, such as the narrower involucres, the different direction of the lobes of the fronds, etc., are certainly not constant, and the teeth of the valves, when present, are very variable. The entire-valved form is the most common in Scotland and Ireland, but the two are often intermixed.

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By Englishman in 1,000 Guineas Golf Tournament.

With Kirkwood and Barnes among the leaders at the commencement of the last phase of the qualifying series in connection with the One Thousand Guineas Tournament at Gleneagles, to-day, the open championship was repeated in a smaller way. At the conclusion of to-day's 18 holes the 32 leaders passed into the match play stages which commence to-morrow.

Rowland Jones, with a round of 67 to-day, beat Arnaud Massy's record for the course by one stroke. This wonderful round by the 51-years-old Rowland Jones, the English Internationalist for many years, and winner of the Belgian Open Championship three years ago, contained many interesting features.

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Enterprise evidently is not wanted in Bristol.

CHARLTON.

THE WEEK'S WILD FLOWERS.

Sir,—The following is a list of wild flowers now in the Museum flower-case:—Fragrant orchis, bee orchis, frog orchis, spotted orchis, butterfly orchis, shepherd's needle, musk thistle, oxeye daisy, lesser broom-rape, pennycress, corn gromwell, purple gromwell, corn crowfoot, heather, wood vetch, kidney vetch, kidney vetch, yellow vetchling, rough trefoil, guelder rose, thrift, twayblade, bladder campion, woody nightshade, water buttercup, bird's-foot trefoil.

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